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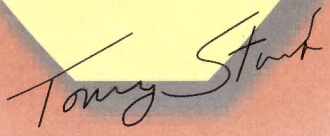
Today marks the six-month anniversary of the ratification of the Superhuman Registration Act (SHRA), 6 U.S.C. § 558. Enactment of the legislation on the federal level was quickly followed by various revisions to state criminal codes (such as Chapter 40, Article 120, Section 120 of the New York Penal Code and Section 245(d) of the California Penal Code) which allowed state and local law enforcement authorities to coordinate with federal authorities in the Act's enforcement. Today, all fifty states have passed federally-approved enabling legislation to implement the SHRA, and we are moving full speed ahead with the Fifty State Initiative. Although, with your recommendation, a majority of the S.H.I.E.L.D. signatory nations have recently appointed me to serve as the international agency's new director, as you know I've pledged to continue my duties as your Acting Chairman of the Superhuman Task Force until a permanent replacement can be found. In that capacity, I've prepared the following Battle Damage Report to assess the repercussions of the Superhuman Registration Act and superhuman-related threats that our nation still faces.

It would be disingenuous for me to say that implementation of the SHRA went as smoothly as we had hoped. Part of our problem stemmed from an initial communication failure, which led to confusion as to who was actually required to provide their names and addresses to the federal government under the SHRA. For purposes of the Act, Congress chose to adopt an expansive definition of "superhuman," one which included individuals who relied solely on technological-based powers and abilities in addition to individuals whose powers were biological in nature. But many technological-based individuals, such as Rocket Racer (Robert Farrell) and Quarry (Owen Segar), remained unaware that they were required to register under the Act, leading to mistrust, confusion, and the emergence of several superhuman resistance movements. In the weeks following the Act's ratification, we were able to educate the public about the specifics of the SHRA through She-Hulk's (Jennifer Walters) various articles in the print media and Wonder Man's (Simon Williams) televised public service announcements. I feel that if we had improved our channels of communication from the outset, we could have avoided the many violent physical confrontations with superhuman resistance cells we experienced in the months following the SHRA's enactment.

Although, in the immediate wake of the Stamford Incident, the public was overwhelmingly behind the Superhuman Registration Act, our support took a hit following the death of Goliath (William Foster) at the hands of our bioengineered Thor clone. By mid-December, our poll numbers plummeted, although we still maintained a majority of the public's favor, with 65% in support of registration and 35% opposed. Our numbers sustained another significant hit after 47 non-powered humans were killed during the massive super-hero battle that erupted in Times Square. Since then, however, our numbers have stabilized, with a healthy 84% of likely voters supporting our cause now that a clear victor has emerged from the war. Our P.R. analysts predict that public support of the Act will only increase as more superhumans fall in line with the program, which is occurring at an increased rate ever since Captain America (Steve Rogers) surrendered to federal authorities and the Sentry (Robert Reynolds) officially registered with the government. The threat of a war with Atlantis also seems to be encouraging new super-powered recruits to sign-on with us. In addition, many of the superhumans who had joined the resistance accepted our offer of amnesty in the wake of Rogers' surrender, although several of the more radical SHRA offenders continue to operate underground in subordination of state and federal law. I assure you that S.H.I.E.L.D. is working diligently to apprehend these remaining offenders.

This is truly the dawning of a new age in superhuman/government relations, and our nation's future looks extremely bright. We have coordinated efforts with Damage Control, Inc. to repair much of the substantial structural damage caused at Times Square and the surrounding Midtown Manhattan neighborhood as a result of our final battle against Captain America's resistance. Our cleanup and rebuilding efforts should be completed by month's end. The Fifty State Initiative, which was officially launched four days after Captain America's surrender, is also progressing on schedule, with every state receiving at least one federally-sanctioned super-team to assist in law enforcement activities. Many of the teams have already been deployed after receiving the approval of state and municipal authorities, such as the Champions of California, Force Works of Iowa, and the Rangers of Texas. And our efforts are extending far beyond mere law enforcement, as we are coordinating with government agencies to tackle such societal problems as hunger, poverty, and pollution. With our nation's superhuman resources united toward a common goal, the possibilities are limitless.



--Tony Stark
Acting Chairman, Presidential Super Hero Task Force

INTERNATIONAL REACTION

Aside from the more publicized ramifications of the Superhuman Registration Act, the legislation also granted the federal agencies tasked with regulating superhuman activity access to relevant information collected by the United States' international and domestic intelligence agencies. As such, we've been closely working with the George Mathers of the Central Intelligence Agency and State Department analysts such as Everett K. Ross to monitor international reaction to the Registration Act. While many nations see our groundbreaking legislation as the future of government-superhuman relations and seek to adapt our policies to their own societies, there are several world super-powers who view the militarization and mobilization of our superhuman population as a threat to their sovereignty.

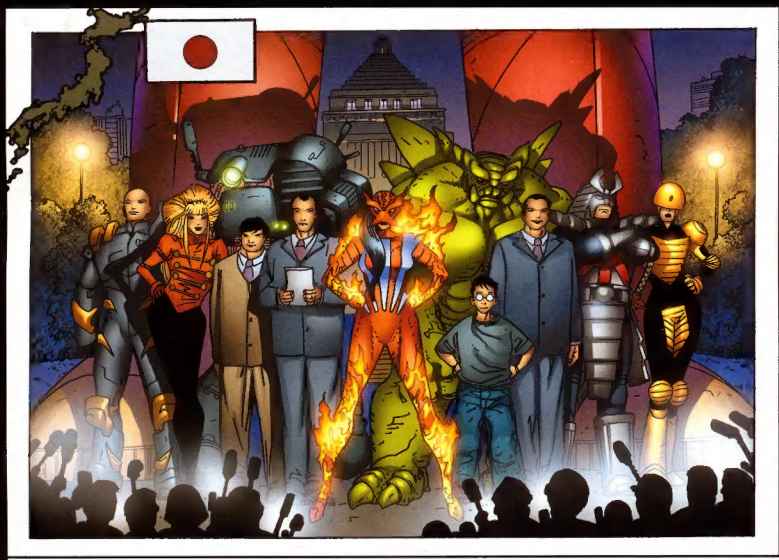
The Pan-African Congress on the Treatment of Superhumans (left to right): Afrikaa (of Mohannda), Zanda (exiled Princess of Narobia), Queen Ororo (of Wakanda), King T'Challa (of Wakanda), Man-Ape (representing Wakanda's Jabari tribe), Moses Magnum (of Canaan), and President N'Dingi (of Mbangawi)

Wakanda

King T'Challa of Wakanda (Black Panther) initially indicated to Mr. Fantastic (Reed Richards) that his technologically-advanced Western African nation would not become involved in the United States' domestic superhuman regulation activities when we sought his assistance in enforcement of the SHRA. Unfortunately, his assurances did not last long. Shortly after Reed's departure, Wakanda hosted the Pan-African Congress on the Treatment of Superhumans, where many of Africa's political leaders attempted to reach a consensus on how to react to the implementation of the SHRA. Although the representatives failed to reach an agreement before the Congress disbanded, King T'Challa embarked on diplomatic tour shortly after his marriage to Storm (Ororo Munroe), visiting many nations deemed hostile to U.S. interests, such as Latveria, Attilan, and Atlantis. The State Department fears that these rogue nations, who believe that the U.S. now plans to use S.H.I.E.L.D. to export the SHRA abroad, are forming an international coalition to oppose the spread of superhuman registration legislation in other countries. King T'Challa and Queen Ororo concluded their diplomatic tour in the U.S., although their scheduled meeting with you did not occur after Queen Ororo (an American citizen) refused to register pursuant to the SHRA. Certain individuals in your State Department desire to see the current Wakandan regime overthrown and replaced with a government more friendly to U.S. interests; however, I strongly advise against any direct confrontation until intelligence regarding Wakandan aggression is substantiated. Wakanda has not responded well to our subtle threats of force, such as deploying the U.S. Marines to the Wakandan-Nigandan border to practice war games and sending a U.S. warship to the Indian Ocean in striking distance of Wakanda. Provoking them further at this point could lead to disastrous consequences..

Israel

Israel has been on the forefront of domestic security and counter-terror legislation since its formation in 1949. So it comes as no surprise that they were one of the first nations to express interest in adopting their own version of the Superhuman Registration Act. Israel has had a successful track record in recruiting its known superhumans into government service, having established both the Super-



Otomo, Honey Lemon, Red Ronin, Sunpyre, Baymax, Hiro Takachiho, Ebon Samurai, and GoGo Tomago attend a press conference held by senior JDSS officials at the National Diet Building in Tokyo's Chiyoda Ward

Soldier Program for young Israelis found to have special abilities as well as the state-sponsored Israeli Super Agents squad, where many of the alumni of the Super-Soldier Program serve upon graduation. Shortly after enactment of the SHRA, Mossad, Israel's intelligence agency, loaned the services of their mutant agent Sabra (Ruth Bat-Seraph) to the U.S. Office of National Emergency (O*N*E) to assist with enforcing the law in exchange for the intelligence and surveillance technology that Israel would need to institute its own registration program. When her work with O*N*E was completed, she returned to Israel where she is currently training her fellow Mossad agents as well as the Israel Police in superhuman detection and apprehension methods.

Japan

The relationship between the Japanese government and its superhuman population is markedly different than the dynamic between the government and superhumans in the United States. Whereas the U.S. government has historically been very distrustful of superhumans who were not on the federal payroll, Japan has exhibited a degree of reverence and emotional attachment to all of its super-powered individuals. This is largely due to the belief held by many Japanese that the current "Age of Super Heroes"[1] (ushered in by the creation of the Fantastic Four approximately 13 years ago) was responsible for bringing an end to the giant monster ("Kaiju") attacks that plagued Japan for decades (many of the giant monsters now being confined to the nearby "Monster Island" in the Sea of Okhotsk). As a result, rather than pass legislation that compels its superhumans to register with the Japan Defense Agency (JDA) against their will, Japan has instead decided to form a voluntary public partnership with its super heroes. In a recent press conference, officials from the Japanese Department of Supernatural Sciences (JDSS) announced their new partnership with super-team Big Hero 6 and the Japanese super-soldier Otomo, reaffirming their dedication to employing superhuman volunteers to better police Japan's superhuman population.

Attilan

Not very long ago, our nation was strengthening its diplomatic relations with the Inhuman nation of Attilan, now situated within the Blue Area of Earth's Moon. A group of young Inhuman students was even sent on a residency to the University of Wisconsin as part of a cultural exchange program. But now our nation is engaged in an ongoing, low-scale war with this Terrigen Mist-empowered society. The deterioration of our relations began when former mutant Quicksilver (Pietro Maximoff), estranged husband of the Inhuman Royal Family member known as Crystal, stole the Inhumans' sacred Terrigen Crystals (which are necessary for the Inhumans to perform their Rite of Terrigenesis, the process by which they obtain their powers) in an attempt to restore his own mutant powers. He fled to Earth and began exposing other depowered mutants to the stolen crystals on the island of Genosha. After learning of the Terrigen Crystals' presence on Earth, you deemed them a threat to national security. General Demetrius Lazer of the U.S. Office of National Emergency (O*N*E) was deployed to retrieve the crystals and take them into custody in the Pentagon for further study. The Inhuman Royal Family, who had also tracked Quicksilver to Genosha, were outraged at this development and immediately declared a cold war upon the United States, promising to avoid a conflict if

Contessa Valentina Allegro de Fontaine, Alistaire Stuart, and Commodore Lance Hunter brief Joseph Hauer, Pete Wisdom, Captain Britain, and Union Jack on details of the proposed British Superhuman Registration Act

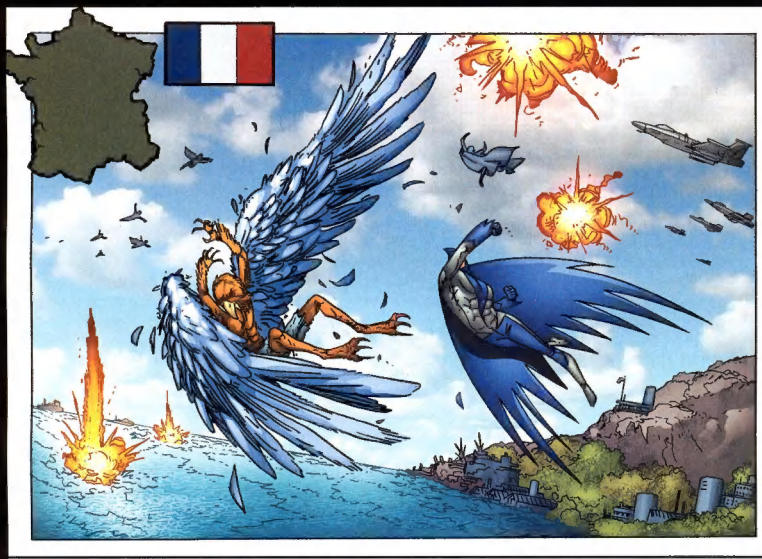
the crystals were returned immediately. But the Inhumans' attempts to pursue diplomatic channels to recover the crystals met with failure, prompting the Inhumans Kurani, Jolen, Gorgon, and Nahrees to travel Manhattan where they threatened to commit hostile actions until the crystals were returned and then killed several civilian bystanders on live television. With the help of the Fantastic Four, the Inhuman terrorists were defeated and placed in O*N*E custody, but we are currently mobilizing our superhuman forces for Attilan's inevitable second wave of the attack.

Great Britain

Like Israel, our perennial ally Great Britain supported our Superhuman Registration Act from the outset and sent its own representative (MI-13 Agent Micromax [Scott Wright])toassisttheOfficeofNationalSecurity'sunregistered superhuman restraint efforts in the United States. Since then, Britain's own version of the Superhuman Registration Act, No. 1521 (C. 69), was drafted and is about to be presented to the House of Commons for approval, where we expect it to pass before moving on to the House of Lords. However, although it was backed by both the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, several concessions were made to appease members of Parliament who viewed the legislation as an affront to civil liberties. Nonetheless, S.H.I.E.L.D. is actively involved with British efforts to implement the legislation as smoothly as possible, with Contessa Valentina Allegro de Fontaine (S.H.I.E.L.D. Liaison to the U.K.) coordinating with Alistaire Stuart (former Head of British Paranormal Intelligence) and Commodore Lance Hunter RN (Head of Armed Forces Paranormal Response), as they seek to educate the United Kingdom's superhuman population about the Act's ramifications.

Latveria

As usual, the one country to keep both eyes on in the Balkan region is Latveria. Ever since Victor von Doom assassinated King Vladimir Vassily Gonereo Tristian Mangegi Fortunov, imprisoned Crown Prince Rudolfo, and ascended to the throne of Latveria, the United States has had little to no diplomatic relations with the landlocked European nation. Throughout the years Doom has staged many acts of aggression on U.S. soil, but had been able to remain in power thanks to his ingenuity and resourcefulness. It was not until Doom forged an alliance with the demonic Haazareth that he lost control of Latveria, as the Haazareth dragged him into Hell when Mr. Fantastic tricked him into claiming his superiority over the demons. Although Mr. Fantastic briefly took control of the country, authority soon fell into the hands of Prime Minister Lucia von Bardas, whose ambitions were no less hostile than Doom's as she attempted to commit acts of terrorism on American soil by funding several technologically-based super-villains. Doom has since returned to Earth and reclaimed his throne. Our intelligence indicates that Latveria was the first foreign nation visited by King T'Challa of Wakanda on his recent diplomatic tour. Although State Department speculation that Doom, King T'Challa, Prince Namor of Atlantis, and King Black Bolt of Attilan are conspiring to form a new "Frightful Four" that will fund anti-American superhuman training camps throughout Africa is unsubstantiated, it would be negligent of us to ignore the possibility of a Wakandan-Latverian alliance. As such, any electronic transmissions between Latveria and Wakanda as well as between Latveria and the new Wakandan Embassy within the Baxter Building should be closely monitored.



French mercenary le Peregrine (Alain Racine) intercepts unregistered American refugee Raptor (Gary Wilton, Jr.) over the Bay of Biscay

France

When news spread that the Thing (Benjamin Grimm) and Daredevil (Matthew Murdock) had fled to France during the height of the Civil War, other unregistered American superhumans decided to follow suit. But France, with a relatively small superhuman population headlined by Les Heroes des Paris (Adamantine, Anais, Comte de Nuit, Détective Fantôme, Docteur Q, Le Cowboy, La Lumière Bleue, and Le Vent), did not possess the law enforcement resources or infrastructure needed to deal with the sudden influx of American superhumans. As such, France reluctantly contracted with its own super-powered mercenaries to prevent more American superhuman refugees from illegally entering the country. Now, freelance mercenaries such as the cybernetic, gun-armed Rapido (Roussel DuPont) and the high-flying Peregrine (Alain Racine), with the support of the French military, are actively engaging any American superhumans attempting to infiltrate France's borders.

Ironically, one of France's most famous mercenaries, Batroc the Leaper (Georges Batroc), has been cooperating with U.S. officials ever since he was returned to federal custody after briefly serving in Baron Helmut Zemo's "Thunderbolts Army." During the climax of the Civil War, Batroc was transferred to our superhuman training facility at Marine Corps Base Quantico in Virginia, where he was instrumental in training our superhuman recruits in the martial arts, particularly savate (French kickboxing). Since then, the Fifty State Initiative Training program has been relocated to Fort Hammond in Stamford, Connecticut, and we hope to transfer Batroc there in the near future so that he may continue his superhuman training activities.

Canada

Canada once passed an ambitious Registration Act of their own, but it was later deemed unconstitutional by the Canadian Supreme Court, forcing the House of Commons and Senate of the Canadian Parliament to accept a watered-down version of the once-powerful legislation. Even though they had a special branch of their Department of Defence dedicated to dealing exclusively with superhuman affairs (Department H), Canada never had the high-concentration of superhumans that we have here in the United States, leaving them little practical need for superhuman laws or regulations. However, in the weeks following the passage of our own Registration Act, Canada found its borders flooded by U.S. superhumans attempting to flee the new laws, particularly super-villains seeking to avoid the S.H.I.E.L.D. Superhuman Restraint Units patrolling the streets of major American cities. Making matters worse, several key members of Canada's government-sponsored super-team Alpha Flight (the group that would normally respond to such a potential crisis) seemingly perished during a confrontation with the Collective months ago, leaving the nation virtually defenseless. Realizing that the disruption of Canada's natural, economic, or energy resources could potentially threaten U.S. security, Canadian national security has become a priority for S.H.I.E.L.D. under my command. We have decided to work closely with the Canadian Secret Intelligence Service (C.S.I.S.) to establish a new Omega Flight team to secure Canada's borders (Department H was discontinued shortly after the death of Alpha Flight). C.S.I.S. Agent Jeff Brown is working to recruit and coordinate the new team, which is based out of C.S.I.S. National Headquarters in Ottawa,

Ontario. I have assigned S.H.I.E.L.D./C.S.A. operative U.S. Agent (John F. Walker) to serve as our eyes and ears on the new Omega Flight.

China

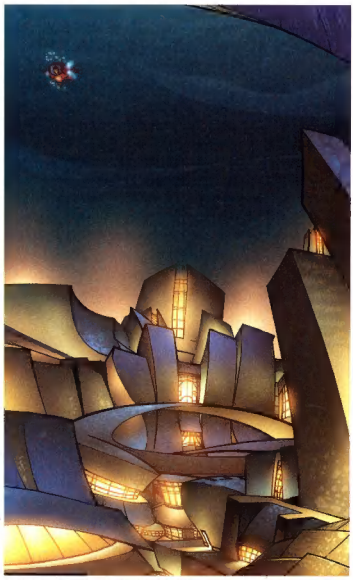
Mandated superhuman registration has been a policy in the Republic of China for years, although their treatment of mutants and certain other super-powered individuals has been much less humane than anything witnessed on our shores. Initially, the Chinese consulate was angered over the treatment of its nationals in the United States. The Collective Man (composed of brothers Han, Chang, Lin, Sun and Ho Tao-Yu), for instance, had been held against his will as one of the "198" surviving mutants by the Office of National Emergency on the grounds of the Xavier Institute for Higher Learning, although recent amendments to O*N*E policy have made continued residency at the Xavier Institute voluntary for all mutants. Notorious Hong Kong criminals Shadow Slasher (Xi-Shan Hao) and Kogar (Li-Peng Kai) have also been incarcerated in Negative Zone Prison Alpha for violations of the Superhuman Registration Act, but the Chinese government seems happy to have these two rogues out of their backyard for the time being and is not demanding their immediate extradition. There are also several promising instances of cooperation between our nations in the field of superhuman law enforcement. The Radioactive Man (Dr. Chen Lu), for example, continues to serve alongside the Thunderbolts at the behest of the Chinese government, even after the team was placed under control of the U.S. Commission on Superhuman Activities (C.S.A.) and charged with acting as federal superhuman marshals. Only time will tell if our mutual interests in superhuman regulation will enable our countries to establish more friendly relations.

South America

The nations of South America have been surprisingly quiet in regard to the Superhuman Registration Act. Although the nation of Costa Verde filed a grievance in the United Nations as a result of our unsuccessful attempt to arrest one of its nationals (Silverclaw, Maria de Guadalupe Santiago) under authority of the SHRA, no other South American nation has made an official comment about the legislation. This could be due in part to the fact that very few superhuman refugees are fleeing south of the border. The memory of Zeitgeist (Larry Elder), the man who murdered nearly twenty South American super heroes in cold blood (including Argentina's Defensor, Brazil's Captain Forsa, and Guatemala's Ojo Macambra), is still fresh in the minds of many American super heroes, who would rather try their luck in Canada or France than operate in an area where so many other super heroes were slaughtered.

Atlantis

Although our relations with Atlantis have always been lukewarm at best, it was only after the Stamford Incident that we learned Atlantis covertly inserted sleeper cells into cities across the United States. We are not sure whether these cells were established to provide a first-strike option in case of a pending war or to simply observe and infiltrate key areas of American society, but we do know that many were activated upon the death of Namorita (Prince Namor's cousin and a member of Atlantis' ruling Council of Three) at the Stamford Incident. One of these cells was successful in tracking down Nitro (Robert Hunter), the superhuman responsible for the Stamford Incident, and taking him into Altantean custody where he is most likely suffering greatly for his crimes. Our diplomatic relations faced a second major setback when specialized modifications were secretly made to the behavior protocols in Green Goblin's (Norman Osborn, currently Thunderbolts Director) nanites, causing him to slaughter a cell of approximately 20 Atlantean agents. Atlantis, claiming that these agents were merely fact-finders tasked with studying human culture, was outraged at this news. The international peace-keeping agency known as the Super Heroes of Europe (S.H.E.) brokered a deal in which Atlantean Ambassador Govan and his delegation would air their grievances to American officials at the Lower East Side Wharf in New York City. But the forum was soon disrupted by Norman Osborn, who shot the Ambassador. Now, images retrieved from our reconnaissance satellites reveal a large-scale mobilization of Atlantean military power in international waters just beyond our new seventy-mile total exclusion zone. Both Russian and Chinese diplomats at the United Nations have vehemently expressed their disapproval of our policies regarding the Atlanteans; nonetheless, with the temperamental Prince Namor as head of state and the nation's flagrant breaches of our national security in the form of covert sleeper cells, regime change should always be an option left on the table. Invading Atlantis and ensuring Namor is deposed as its leader may be the only option to ensure our nation's safety in the months ahead.



New Pangea, Capital Province of Atlantis

ANT-MAN

REAL NAME: Eric O'Grady
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Adventurer (e.g. unlicensed super hero), former S.H.I.E.L.D. agent
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (exotic technology user), wanted by S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities for property theft, assault, and other crimes
PLACE OF BIRTH: Lancaster, Vermont
BASE OF OPERATIONS: New York City, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly S.H.I.E.L.D.
EDUCATION: S.H.I.E.L.D. surveillance training

HISTORY: Once a low-ranking S.H.I.E.L.D. surveillance agent, Eric O'Grady happened across the experimental Ant-Man armor that scientist Henry Pym (Yellowjacket) had been contracted to design for S.H.I.E.L.D. months ago. The armor, which was to be used in clandestine operations, was intended to be assigned to S.H.I.E.L.D. security agent Mitch Carson, but O'Grady decided to assault Dr. Pym as he was leaving the S.H.I.E.L.D. Helicarrier research and development laboratory and steal the armor for his own benefit, possibly working with an accomplice at the time of the theft.

O'Grady eventually managed to escape the confines of the S.H.I.E.L.D. Helicarrier with the suit and began operating in New York City. The suit leaves behind a trace amount of Pym Particles, allowing the S.H.I.E.L.D. agents assigned to O'Grady's capture to track his movement across the city. Although he has been reported to have prevented several crimes in progress with the suit, our agents in the field report that he is also using the suit for less-than-heroic purposes, such as spying on women's locker rooms and showers. Following a battle against Captain America's rebel forces near Yancy Street during the height of the Civil War, Yellowjacket received an eye-witness account from a woman who described being saved by a size-changing super hero with Ant-Man's appearance. Although Yellowjacket promptly informed S.H.I.E.L.D. agent Mitch Carson, who was now leading the search for the missing suit, S.H.I.E.L.D. has yet to locate O'Grady or the stolen technology. O'Grady's capture remains one of S.H.I.E.L.D.'s top priorities under my leadership.

HEIGHT: 5'9" (variable)
WEIGHT: 168 lbs. (variable)
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Strawberry blond

POWER & ABILITIES: Ant-Man possesses no known inherent superhuman powers.

PARAPHERNALIA: Developed by Dr. Henry Pym, the newest version of the Ant-Man armor possesses the standard shrinking ability (thanks to Pym Particle treatment) which is controlled by a button on the side of the insect-communication helmet. The armor also is equipped with a jetpack for flight and detachable robotic arms with magnetic grapples which enable the operator to adhere to most surfaces. The jet flame exiting the robotic arms tips can also be focused for offensive use. The wearer of the suits retains his full-strength at half-inch size, making tremendous leaps possible.

ARACHNE

REAL NAME: Julia Cornwall Carpenter
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to U.S. and Canadian authorities
OCCUPATION: Unregistered super hero, former government agent
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Unregistered superhuman (science-based mutate); charges of SHRA violations dropped in exchange for participation in Omega Flight
PLACE OF BIRTH: Los Angeles, California
BASE OF OPERATIONS: C.S.I.S. National Headquarters, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Omega Flight; formerly S.H.I.E.L.D., Avengers, Force Works, Secret Defenders, Commission on Superhuman Activities, Freedom Force
EDUCATION: College dropout, federal agent training

HISTORY: After divorcing her husband, Larry Carpenter, on grounds of marital infidelity, Julia Carpenter was an unassuming young single mother of one (daughter Rachel Carpenter) until C.S.A. agent Valerie Cooper (an old college friend) persuaded the financially-struggling Carpenter to undergo a series of experimental treatments, including injections of a formula derived from rare Amazonian jungle flora and spider venom, which transformed her into a super-powered government agent. As "Spider-Woman," an agent of the C.S.A., Carpenter reluctantly served with Freedom Force before cutting ties with the C.S.A. and joining the Avengers; she served on the Avengers' West Coast team and later joined Force Works in protest when the West Coast team was disbanded.

Following enactment of the SHRA, I persuaded Carpenter, now going by the name "Arachne," to join our registration efforts, although she erroneously thought that we intended to help superhumans circumvent registration. After this initial misunderstanding was cleared up, Arachne was assigned to our elite squad of S.H.I.E.L.D. training officers alongside Ms. Marvel (Carol Danvers) and Wonder Man (Simon Williams). However, it was revealed to us that Arachne was a double-agent in league with the Shroud (Maximillan Quincy Coleridge), an anti-registration superhuman with whom she shared a romantic relationship (after his science labs created a cure for her loss of powers and the disabilities that once crippled her as the result of an altercation with Spider-Woman (Charlotte Witter)). Arachne planned to flee to Canada with the Shroud, but she was apprehended by S.H.I.E.L.D.

HEIGHT: 5'9"
WEIGHT: 140 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Strawberry blonde

POWER & ABILITIES: Government experiments imbued Arachne with superhuman Class 10 strength as well as enhanced speed, stamina, agility, and reflexes. She possesses the ability to spin a "psi-webs" of psionic energy between two surfaces (which, when solidified, possesses sufficient tensile strength to support a 10-ton weight and remains in effect for approximately 1 hour). Arachne can also project and release enough psionic energy through her hands and feet to enable her to cling to across most surfaces. She has undergone intensive training in hand-to-hand combat.

ARAÑA

REAL NAME: Ana Sofia "Anya" Corazon
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Student, fast food employee, licensed super hero; former WebCorps intern
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (magic-based powers, precise classification as yet undetermined), minor
PLACE OF BIRTH: Fort Greene, New York
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Brooklyn, New York City, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Spider Society
EDUCATION: Attending high school

HISTORY: When Anya Corazon chanced upon a battle between the Spider Society and their enemies, the Sisterhood of the Wasp, Miguel Legar, recognizing Corazon's destiny as one of the Society's Hunter agents, triggered her powers and inducted her into the Society, with himself as her Mage partner; she later became an intern at WebCorps, the Society's cover corporation. As Araña (Spanish for "spider"), she fought several of the Society's enemies, but following Miguel's death, she left WebCorps and took a part-time job at a Chicken Cow restaurant.

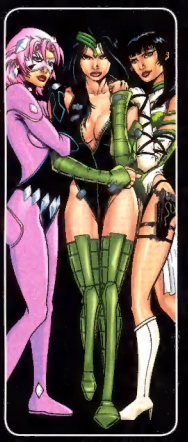
When happenstance led to an encounter with Ms. Marvel and Wonder Man at her job, Araña registered as a super hero and, with her father's permission, became the first underage hero eligible for S.H.I.E.L.D.'s SHRA training program. As Ms. Marvel's protégé, she accompanied the older heroine on missions, including one to capture the renegade Arachne, during which Arachne's daughter Rachel was forcibly separated from her. Emotionally shaken, Araña considered having her powers removed or even leaving the U.S. rather than continue as a registered super hero; she has since been enrolled in the Fifty State Initiative Training Program and continues to accompany Ms. Marvel into action, but her doubts may yet remain.

HEIGHT: 5'3" **WEIGHT:** 115 lbs.
EYES: Brown **HAIR:** Brown

POWER & ABILITIES: Araña possesses Class 10 strength (lifting 3 tons), speed, endurance, and agility; she can climb walls unaided, bound from rooftop to rooftop, and ascend at least 25 feet from a standing jump. Her skeleton is extremely flexible, enabling her to contort her body into tunnels or cavities less than two feet in diameter. She can create a protective carapace at will, adjustable in thickness, coverage, and shape, which is impervious to small-arms fire at close range. Before losing some of her powers to another, she could temporarily access extraordinary fighting skills by channeling the Spirit of the Hunter, one of the Spider Society's guiding forces.

PARAPHERNALIA: Araña carries a bola with spider-motif grappling hooks to aid her in rooftop travel.

BAD GIRLS, INC.



MEMBERS: Asp (Cleopatra "Cleo" Nefertiti), Black Mamba (Tanya Sealy), Diamondback (Rachel Leighton)
PURPOSE: Complete missions assigned them by private clientele
MODUS OPERANDI: Clandestine operations
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Unknown
MAJOR FUNDING: Private clientele

HISTORY: Asp, Black Mamba, and Diamondback are all founding members of the Serpent Society, an association of snake-themed super-villains founded by Sidewinder (Seth Voelker). Asp is an Egyptian national and former exotic dancer with the ability to generate and project "venom bolts" of an unknown form of radiant energy which can cause death or paralysis of living organisms. Black Mamba is a former call girl who can manipulate the energies of the Darkforce Dimension for various effects, most notably recreating a person's fantasies and nightmares. Diamondback is a former gang member who was trained by the Taskmaster in the use of her personal weaponry (throwing diamonds containing substances such as spent uranium, plastic explosives, nitric acid, tear gas, smoke, curare-derived narcotics, etc.) The three formed a close relationship while in the Society; Asp and Black Mamba assisted Diamondback when new Society leader King Cobra (Klaus Voorhees) sentenced her to death for her romantic relationship with Captain America (Steve Rogers), and Diamondback enlisted Captain America and Paladin to rescue her friends when King Cobra kidnapped then in retaliation.

Banding together as BAD Girls, Inc., the trio declined Captain America's offer to help them clear their criminal records and instead became a loosely-affiliated team of freelance mercenaries. Diamondback even worked for S.H.I.E.L.D. alongside Paladin to retrieve a powerful biological weapon from the Genetassist Research Facility. Following the passage of the SHRA and the death of Goliath (Bill Foster) at the hands of our Thor clone, all three BAD Girls reunited as members of Captain America's underground resistance movement. Their ties to the criminal underworld enabled Captain America to form alliances of necessity with characters of ill-repute. The BAD Girls were also responsible for bringing the super-villains Goldbug (Matthew Gilden) and the Plunderer (Parnival Plunder) to Captain America's secret safehouse when they offered to lend their talents to Captain America's cause. This plan backfired, however, when the vigilante Punisher (Frank Castle), who was also affiliated with Captain America's resistance at the time, opened fire on the two super-villains, killing them instantly. All three BAD Girls participated in the final battle against our pro-Registration forces in Midtown Manhattan; however, none of them have since accepted our offer of super-hero amnesty following Captain America's surrender.

BANTAM

REAL NAME: Roberto Velasquez
DUAL IDENTITY: Secret known to certain government officials
OCCUPATION: Licensed super hero, former boxer, boxing trainer
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (science-based mutant), deceased
PLACE OF BIRTH: San Juan, Puerto Rico
BASE OF OPERATIONS: New York City, New York; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Miami, Florida
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: None
EDUCATION: High school

HISTORY: Roberto Velasquez was a talented young boxer training in Puerto Rico whose future as a professional was uncertain due to his meager size and weight, prompting Velasquez to accept an offer from Miami crime boss Armando Aviles to undergo an experimental physical augmentation treatment. Unknown to Velasquez, Aviles was in league with the Power Broker (Curtis Jackson), a Los Angeles-based criminal organizer who used the strength augmentation process developed by criminal research scientist Dr. Karl Malus to create an army of super-powered henchmen. In his first match after receiving the treatment, Velasquez inadvertently killed his opponent and went into hiding, refusing to join Aviles' gang. After his friend was killed by Hammerhand (Rico Lazar), an augmented boxer working for Aviles, Velasquez, as "the Bantam Bantam," joined forces with Captain America (Steve Rogers) to raid Power Broker Inc.'s Miami base and defeat Hammerhand.

Bantam later split his time between super heroics and training other boxers at Trini's Gymnasium in San Juan (knowing that he was too powerful to ever step into the ring himself). After enactment of the SHRA, Bantam was among the heroes who immediately registered with the government and subsequently confronted the unregistered hero known as Thunderclap (Stanley George Johnson) on a Manhattan street, believing he could convince Thunderclap to register through force. In the ensuing battle, Bantam was thrust into an oil truck, which exploded and killed the hero.

HEIGHT: 5'5"
WEIGHT: 119 lbs.
EYES: Brown
HAIR: Black

POWER & ABILITIES: The Power Broker's physical augmentation treatments imbued Bantam with superhuman Class 10 strength, durability, stamina, agility, and endurance as well as enhanced speed. In particular, his skin was durable enough to repel conventional arms fire. He was an exceptional hand-to-hand combatant intensively trained in American boxing, although he had a tendency to lose focus and fly into a berserker rage while in combat.

BATTLESTAR

REAL NAME: Lamar Hoskins
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Adventurer (e.g. unlicensed super hero), former mercenary, C.S.A. operative, soldier
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (science-based mutant); otherwise no criminal record
PLACE OF BIRTH: Chicago, Illinois
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Mobile
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Anti-Registration Underground, formerly Wild Pack, B.U.C.Kies, U.S. Army
EDUCATION: High school level-graduate

HISTORY: Lamar Hoskins befriended John Walker while both were soldiers in the U.S. Army. At loose ends following their tours of duty, the two underwent augmentation by Power Broker Inc., gaining superhuman strength in the process. Originally intending to try for fame in the Unlimited Class Wrestling Federation, Walker was recruited by promoter Fabian Thurm to be the corporate-sponsored "American symbol" Super-Patriot and Hoskins, along with wrestlers Hector Lennox and Jerry Johnson, posed as the B.U.C.Kies (Bold Urban Commandos), supposed Captain America supporters whose actions actually tarnished his reputation. When the C.S.A. sought a new Captain America, they hired Walker, and Hoskins (initially Bucky but later renamed Battlestar) became his partner. However, the pair's government service was wracked with violence and controversy, and when Walker faked his death to become U.S. Agent, Battlestar resigned from government service, eventually joining Silver Sable's Wild Pack, acquitting himself well against Hydra, Justin Hammer's super-agents, and others.

When Silver Sable disbanded the Wild Pack, Battlestar became a solo crimefighter. Despite his history of exemplary government service, he refused to register under the SHRA, whose requirements he deemed unpalatable. He joined Johnny Ironfist, Scorecard, the Staten Island Star, and many other unmasked heroes as members of Typeface's underground, but almost all of them were captured when S.H.I.E.L.D. raided their hideout. Suffering a serious back injury in the battle, Battlestar was sentenced to Mister Fantastic's Negative Zone Prison Alpha, where, due to still undetermined oversight, he went without medical treatment and suffered severe pain. By the time of the mass breakout orchestrated by Captain America, however, Battlestar fought alongside Captain America's resistance movement, regardless of any pain he still felt from his prior injuries.

HEIGHT: 6'6"
WEIGHT: 285 lbs.
EYES: Brown
HAIR: Black

POWER & ABILITIES: Battlestar possesses Class 10 superhuman strength and corresponding levels of speed, stamina, agility, and reflexes as a result of the Power Broker's power augmentation treatments. He is an accomplished acrobat and hand-to-hand combatant (trained by the Taskmaster), as well as a trained soldier and wrestler.

PARAPHERNALIA: Battlestar's primary weapon is a blunt-end triangular Adamantium shield, which he uses for both offensive and defensive maneuvers. The shield can be used to defend against physical and most energy-based attacks. Battlestar also often hurls the shield offensively as a missile-like projectile for long-range attacks.

BLACK PANTHER

REAL NAME: T'Challa
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Monarch of Wakanda, scientist; former schoolteacher
CITIZENSHIP: Wakanda
LEGAL STATUS: Unregistered superhuman (science/magic-based mutate); diplomatic immunity as a visiting foreign head of state
PLACE OF BIRTH: Wakanda
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Wakanda
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Fantastic Four, Panther Cult, formerly Pendragons, Fantastic Force, Avengers
EDUCATION: Ph.D. in physics

HISTORY: T'Challa is heir to the centuries-old ruling dynasty of the African kingdom of Wakanda, known for its cutting-edge technology and rich vibranium deposits. After studying in Europe and America, T'Challa returned to Wakanda, where his uncle had been ruling as the Black Panther since his father's murder at the hands of Ulysses Klaw, and underwent the ritualistic trials required to take his rightful place as the next Black Panther. Initially regarding all other superhumans as a potential threat to his kingdom, Black Panther eventually befriended the Fantastic Four and even became a revered member of the Avengers (although his initial motivation for joining the team was to spy on us from within in order to ascertain our true motives).

After enactment of the SHRA, Black Panther refused your request to use his resources to assist enforcement of the Act, informing Mr. Fantastic that, as monarch of the sovereign nation of Wakanda, it was best for him to remain uninvolved in American domestic affairs. Shortly after, the Black Panther was married to Storm (Ororo Munroe) of the X-Men, and members of both sides of the Civil War were invited to the wedding ceremony in Wakanda (although I left after T'Challa broke up a confrontation between Captain America and myself). But Black Panther did not honor his pledge of non-involvement, as he led diplomatic missions to several other nations in what we believe was an attempt to bolster international resistance to the Registration Act. Finally, he traveled to the U.S. where he nearly incited a riot outside the White House after Storm (an American citizen) refused the State Department's request to register pursuant to the SHRA. Following a battle against me in Washington D.C. and the inadvertent destruction of the Wakandan Embassy by our Thor clone, Black Panther officially became an accomplice in Captain America's resistance movement, citing the death of his friend Goliath (William Foster) as his main motivation for assisting the resistance with his formidable engineering skills and advanced Wakandan technology. Following Captain America's surrender, however, Black Panther and Storm have slightly toned down their anti-SHRA rhetoric and are temporarily residing in the Baxter Building, serving as members of the Fantastic Four while Mr. Fantastic and Invisible Woman are on a brief hiatus to mend their broken marriage. The Wakandan Embassy has also been temporarily relocated to the Baxter Building for the time being.

HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 260 lbs.
EYES: Brown
HAIR: Black

POWER & ABILITIES: Black Panther's physical abilities (strength, speed, stamina, durability, agility, and reflexes) have been enhanced to peak human levels through the use of sacred heart-shaped Wakandan herbs and his connection to the Wakandan Panther God. He possesses acute senses (especially eyesight, night vision, and sense of smell) and is a highly accomplished hunter and tracker. He is a genius-level physicist and inventor who is adept with highly advanced technology. Black Panther is also an extraordinary hand-to-hand combatant whose fighting style belongs to no known discipline.

BLACK WIDOW

REAL NAME: Natalia "Natasha" Alianovna Romanova
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Licensed super hero, S.H.I.E.L.D. agent; former intelligence operative, bellerina
CITIZENSHIP: Russia
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (science-based mutate)
PLACE OF BIRTH: Stalingrad (now Volgograd), Russia
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Mobile, maintains a residence in New York City
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Avengers, S.H.I.E.L.D.; formerly "Marvel Knights," Lady Liberators, Champions of Los Angeles, KGB
EDUCATION: College graduate, extensive espionage training

HISTORY: Following a tumultuous childhood that included a wartime abduction by the Hand and rescue by Wolverine and Captain America, Natasha Romanova was one of the Red's 73 special Cold War operatives, known collectively as Black Widows. In this capacity she pursued and protected the U.S.S.R.'s interests for decades, and her deadly services were retained even after the Soviet Union's fall. As Iron Man, I first fought her while she was working for Russian extremists, but she eventually defected and became an ally, even joining me in the Avengers. In her solo activities, she became romantically involved with Daredevil. She briefly served as leader of the Champions, her status as a comparatively normal human proving no obstacle to her ability to deal with high-level superhuman threats.

Although the Black Widow has recently become more notorious through her illicit assistance to Daredevil and her murder of CEO Ian McMasters, whose company Gymaxon was engaged in inhumane experiments, she remains a valued associate of S.H.I.E.L.D. and the Avengers. As one so often retained and detained by multiple governments, she has spared little thought to the SHRA, and assisted in our efforts in rounding up unregistered superhumans during the height of the Civil War. Following Captain America's surrender, I decided to remove Black Widow from the field and have her train S.H.I.E.L.D. agents in hand-to-hand combat aboard the Helicarrier; but, most recently, Ms. Marvel and I chose to draft her into our new incarnation of the Avengers, where her espionage skills will prove useful. She is also serving as an instructor for the Fifty State Initiative Training Program at Stamford, Connecticut's Camp Hammond.

HEIGHT: 5'7"
WEIGHT: 125 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Red-auburn

POWER & ABILITIES: The Black Widow was injected with an experimental super-soldier formula in her youth and, as a result, almost completely stopped aging upon reaching her mid- to late twenties. She is an exemplary athlete, acrobat, hand-to-hand combatant, marksowoman, and spy.

PARAPHERNALIA: The Black Widow's bracelets can discharge electric bolts and contain lengths of cable which she uses for rooftop swinging and other acrobatics. Her gloves and boots are equipped with tiny suction cups allowing her to climb walls, and she carries plastic explosives in her belt. She customarily carries firearms and uses other weapons as necessary.

BLADE

REAL NAME: Eric Brooks
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Licensed super hero (probationary based on post-registration activities); former private investigator, gang leader
CITIZENSHIP: United Kingdom
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (supernatural being (multiple state: dhampir and daywalker)); criminal record, partially expunged in exchange for government service
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Mobile
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: S.H.I.E.L.D.'s Howling Commandos, Noah van Helsing's vampire hunters, Midnight Sons, Nightstalkers, Quincy Harker's vampire hunters, Ogun Shang's vampire hunters, Bloodshadows
EDUCATION: High school equivalent

HISTORY: Orphaned at birth when a vampire slew his mother, transforming him into a quasi-vampiric dhampir in the process, Eric Brooks spent the following decades earning a deadly reputation as the vampire hunter Blade. In recent years he came to prominence in the company of Quincy Harker's vampire hunters, and he joined Dracula descendant Frank Drake and vampire detective Hannibal King in helping Doctor Strange perform the incantation of the Montesi Formula, which temporarily eradicated the majority of vampire breeds from Earth. Blade, Drake, and King formed a P.I. partnership as the Nightstalkers, but Blade soon returned to his solo activities. Later, a bite from the vampiric Michael Morbius, altered by both science and magic, transformed Blade into a new vampire variant, a daywalker, cursed with his own blood thirst, his hatred of vampires mutating into an instinct no less innate and irresistible.

Following an apparent arrest for his vigilante activities, Blade briefly joined S.H.I.E.L.D.'s supernatural Howling Commandos, although he saw little action in their campaign against Merlin. After his dismissal from the unit, Blade surfaced in New Orleans following a natural disaster where, in perhaps his most public exploit yet, he helped the Black Panther, Cage, Brother Voodoo, and Monica Rambeau protect the survivors from a legion of vampires. Blade returned to S.H.I.E.L.D. on his own terms to slaughter dozens of vampire infiltrators (destroying the Pericles V Helicarrier in the process) and was subsequently recruited by S.H.I.E.L.D. after Michael Morbius (who had registered with us soon after the SHRA became law) alerted S.H.I.E.L.D. to Blade's location. After S.H.I.E.L.D. factotums determined that Blade was our best bet for capturing the rogue Wolverine (who had recently escaped S.H.I.E.L.D. custody after failing to comply with the SHRA), Blade agreed to apprehend Wolverine in exchange for S.H.I.E.L.D. intelligence on vampires. However, Blade refused to complete his mission after realizing that Wolverine saved his life from vampires years ago. Blade continues to cooperate with S.H.I.E.L.D. for the time being, although he refuses to assist in Wolverine's capture.

HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 215 lbs.
EYES: Brown
HAIR: Black

POWER & ABILITIES: Blade possesses superhuman strength (able to lift about a ton) and stamina, heightened senses, and a rapid healing factor. He is immune to the effects of normal vampire bites, ages very slowly, and can sense supernatural activity. He is an extraordinary martial artist, swordsman, and marksman.

PARAPHERNALIA: Blade carries an arsenal of specialized anti-vampire weaponry, including teakwood daggers, titanium weld-etched swords, and firearms equipped with hollowpoint garlic-filled silver bullets.

BLOODSHED

REAL NAME: Wyndell Dichinson
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Professional criminal
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (science-based mutate); criminal record in Thailand and the United States
PLACE OF BIRTH: Manhattan, New York
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Manhattan, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: None
EDUCATION: High school

HISTORY: Years ago, Wyndell Dichinson convinced his 16-year-old younger brother Ricky to act as his accomplice in an automobile theft which was interrupted by Spider-Man (Peter Parker), who left the would-be thieves to the authorities. While Ricky cooperated with police, Wyndell fled the country prior to his trial and became Bloodshed, an Asian-based mercenary under the employ of narcotics traffickers, who subjected him to operations which enhanced his strength and durability to superhuman levels. He eventually became the superhuman enforcer for Phillipe Bazin, a New York criminalord with operations in Thailand. Bloodshed returned to the United States in his capacity as a guard of Bazin's narcotics shipment, but dumped the illegal cargo overboard when the U.S. Coast Guard boarded the ship. The infuriated Bazin threatened to have Bloodshed killed if he failed to acquire one million dollars to compensate for the lost narcotics shipment, but Spider-Man again defeated Bloodshed and left him for the authorities before he was able to obtain the money. Even after Bazin's alleged death, Bloodshed continued to be assaulted by henchmen still loyal to Bazin in prison. His younger brother convinced him to join the witness relocation program and testify against Bazin's empire, but Bloodshed escaped custody when his armored vehicle was attacked by Bazin's men and dedicated himself to personally dismantling Bazin's empire.

After passage of the SHRA, Bloodshed decided to again flee the country and contacted the freelance spy known only as Vienna to obtain a new identity passport, driver's license, and plane tickets. But unknown to Bloodshed and the other super-villains who had been dealing with Vienna, she was participating in a sting operation organized by the federally-sanctioned Heroes for Hire bounty hunting team. After Heroes for Hire infiltrated Vienna's headquarters and defeated the assembled super-villains, Bloodshed evaded authorities, although he was later arrested and transported to Negative Zone Prison Alpha after joining Hammerhead's super-villain alliance.

HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 175 lbs. (188 lbs. in armor)
EYES: Brown
HAIR: Black

POWER & ABILITIES: Bloodshed possesses Class 50 strength and superhuman durability. He is also an accomplished hand-to-hand combatant, his self-taught street-fighting abilities enhanced by martial arts training in Asia.

PARAPHERNALIA: Bloodshed's costume provides enhanced durability. It is also outfitted with high-carbon steel shoulder pads, forearm vambraces, and shin guards adorned with sharpened tree spikes, which Bloodshed frequently utilizes as offensive weapons in hand-to-hand combat.

BROTHER VOODOO

REAL NAME: Jericho Drumm
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Supernatural consultant, houngan, psychologist, author, licensed super hero S.H.I.E.L.D. agent
CITIZENSHIP: Haiti; U.S. resident status
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (magic-user)
PLACE OF BIRTH: Port-au-Prince, Haiti
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Customarily mobile between Haiti and Louisiana
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: S.H.I.E.L.D.'s Howling Commandos
EDUCATION: M.D. in psychology, extensive training in vodu

HISTORY: Years after leaving his homeland to become a psychologist in the U.S., Jericho Drumm returned to Haiti and, following the death of his brother Daniel, was tutored in its native brand of sorcery by the houngan Papa Jumbo. As Brother Voodoo, he divided his activities between Haiti and his U.S. base of operations in Louisiana. Among the many opponents he has vanquished are A.I.M.'s Baron Samedi, the Black Talon, Moondog, Doctor Glitternight, Nightspawn, and Marie Laveau. He has worked alongside such U.S. heroes as Spider-Man, Frank Drake of the Nightstalkers, the Thing, and Earth's Sorcerer Supreme Doctor Strange. His most recent U.S. activities were in New Orleans, where he aided the X-Men's Gambit against zombies, then joined the Black Panther, Blade, and others in battling vampires during a natural disaster.

Although many of the mystics and monsters recruited into S.H.I.E.L.D.'s supernatural Howling Commandos unit proved to be untrustworthy and self-serving, Brother Voodoo has proven to be an exception. Despite his disagreement with the principles behind the SHRA, he duly registered as a practicing sorcerer, and declined the Black Panther's offer of political asylum in Wakanda for the duration of the Civil War. He has since proven to be a valuable ally in our efforts to locate and apprehend SHRA violators across the nation. Furthermore, he may be the only registered sorcerer willing to risk pitting his powers against those of Dr. Strange, who is rumored to be assisting the final remnants of Captain America's resistance movement (Spider-Man, Cage, and others).

HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 220 lbs.
EYES: Brown
HAIR: Black with white streak

POWER & ABILITIES: Brother Voodoo can create mystic smoke to teleport himself and others, as well as control and augment flames and render himself invulnerable to any fire-related injury. He can hypnotically control any form of life, including humans to a limited extent. With the cooperation of his ghostly brother Daniel, he can achieve enhanced strength or send Daniel to possess others. He can sense and quantify any mystic activity in his presence and invoke favors from the Loa gods if they prove amenable.

PARAPHERNALIA: Brother Voodoo wears a talisman he can use to channel his powers for greater efficiency; he uses additional mystic artifacts as necessary and carries a cigarette lighter for easy access to flame.

CABLE

REAL NAME: Nathan Christopher Charles Summers, a.k.a. Nathan Dayspring Askani'son
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: President of Providence and President Pro Tem of Rumekistan; former adventurer, mercenary, government agent, freedom fighter, others
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Indeterminate; currently non-U.S. resident humanity/cyborg extraterrestrial outside parameters of SHRA
PLACE OF BIRTH: Salem Center, Westchester County, New York
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Providence Island, South Pacific
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: X-Men; formerly Secret Avengers, Underground, X-Force, New Mutants, Six Pack, Clan Chosen
EDUCATION: Extensive Askani training; Law Diploma

HISTORY: Born only a few years ago to Cyclops and Madelyne Pryor, Nathan Summers was brought over 3000 years into the future by the Clan Askani to save him from death by techno-organic virus. Growing to adulthood under the regime of Apocalypse, he became the freedom fighter Cable, ultimately traveling to his original era in hope of forestalling Apocalypse's reign before it began. To this end, he moved back and forth in time to gather intelligence and resources, forming the Six Pack some 20 years ago and X-Force some years later in contrast to many superhuman teams, X-Force, under Cable's leadership, took a pre-emptive stance against mutant terrorists and other menaces, thrusting themselves from the X-Men and related mutant groups. After months of sustained day-by-day activity in this era, Cable, perhaps seeking the stability that had eluded him so long, formed closer alliances with the X-Men, particularly Cyclops and his surrogate mother Phoenix. Without his leadership, his charges in X-Force floundered for purpose and eventually disbanded.

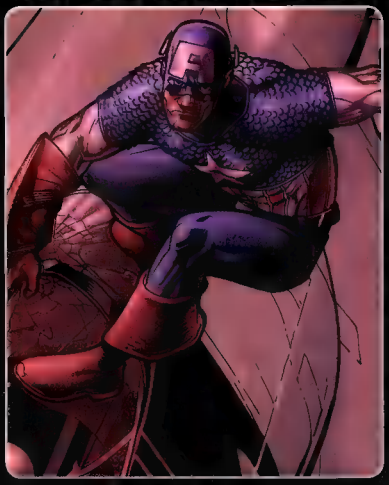
Most recently, Cable, evidently eschewing the overt (if not over-the-top) violence that typified his X-Force career, has made himself a force in world affairs via the establishment of Providence as an island refuge and the takeover of Rumekistan. When the SHRA angered Luna, he recognized it as foreshadowing the use of superhumans as totalitarian military forces. When Captain America declined his offer of sanctuary on Providence, he joined Captain America's underground resistance movement for a time, only to return to his own agenda following Goliath's death at the hands of our Thor clone. Alternately helped and hindered by his mercenary friend Deadpool, Cable continues to pursue mysterious multi-level agendas in hope of making the future a better place than he left it.

HEIGHT: 6'8"
WEIGHT: 350 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: White

POWER & ABILITIES: Originally a powerful telekinetic and telepath, Cable presently simulates these powers via an extensive genetronic force field and unconscious access to a worldwide data network. His metal arm possesses superhuman strength, and his bionic eye can penetrate the infrared spectrum. He is a master warrior and strategist with literally innumerable battles in multiple time eras to his credit.

PARAPHERNALIA: Cable employs advanced firearms as necessary; he occasionally uses the Promitar, an Askani weapon through which he can channel his mutant powers.

CAPTAIN AMERICA



REAL NAME: Steve Rogers
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Adventurer (was uniformed super hero); former S.H.I.E.L.D. special agent, soldier, police officer, teacher, freelance dilettante
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (science-based mutate); deceased
PLACE OF BIRTH: New York, New York
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Brooklyn Heights, New York, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly the Secret Avengers, Avengers, the Invaders
EDUCATION: High school graduate, one year of art school, military basic training

HISTORY: Born in the early 1920s, the physically frail Steve Rogers was chosen at age 18 to serve as a test subject for Operation: Rebirth, a top-secret Defense Department research project which sought to develop an army of American super-soldiers to fight in World War II. Rogers underwent the requisite training and treatments, which eventually transformed the frail young man into the pinnacle of human perfection known as Captain America, although the precise procedure by which he was transformed was lost seemingly forever when a Nazi operative assassinated its creator, Professor Abraham Erskine. Captain America proved to be an overwhelming success for the Allies, handing the Axis Powers countless defeats either alone, with his partner Bucky (James Barnes), or alongside the Invaders. But in 1945, near the end of the war, Captain America was thrust into the icy waters of the North Atlantic Ocean after an altercation with the Nazi Baron Heinrich Zemo. The Super-Soldier Serum in his system preserved him in suspended animation for decades until he was finally found and revived by myself and the other Avengers. He proved ready to continue his fight for his vision of the American ideal, and the benefits the team reaped from his long years of membership and leadership cannot be overestimated.

Just prior to enactment of the SHRA, Captain America was afforded an opportunity by Maria Hill, then Acting Director of S.H.I.E.L.D. to become one of the first heroes to register under the Act. Although many presumed, based on his longtime service to his country, that he would be more than willing to cooperate, Captain America flatly refused due to his belief that the SHRA violated the fundamental freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution, resulting arrest and fleeing the S.H.I.E.L.D. Helicarrier before going underground and starting a grassroots superhuman resistance movement. Captain America had disobeyed the U.S.A.'s orders before, but now he was advocating other superhumans to do the same and using force to interfere with S.H.I.E.L.D. law enforcement operations. This could not be tolerated, so, after negotiations proved to be a non-option, my S.H.I.E.L.D.-affiliated heroes engaged Captain America's "Secret Avengers" resistance movement in several skirmishes. After several failed attempts to locate and capture Captain America, we eventually confronted his forces in a final battle when they attempted to liberate the unregistered superhuman prisoners being held at Negative Zone Prison Alpha. The battle eventually spilled onto the streets of New York's Times Square, where Rogers finally realized that the implementation of his resistance to the SHRA was causing the very sort of damage the SHRA was intended to curtail and surrendered to federal authorities.

Rogers was placed in the maximum security installation on Ryker's Island and his underground resistance movement soon splintered into isolated, ineffective factions. The decision was made to arraign Rogers in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York rather than a military tribunal due to his significance to the nation, but as Rogers was being transferred to U.S. Marshal Service custody, he was assassinated. Authorities are still investigating the incident; although Crossbones (Brock Rumlow) was found incapacitated near the crime scene and is currently our number one suspect, we believe a second shooter may have been involved. I truly lament the senseless demise of this once proud champion, one of my oldest and dearest friends. As news of his demise spreads, SHRA opponents may rethink their positions or redouble their efforts.

HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 220 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Blond

POWER & ABILITIES: The Super Soldier Serum and vita-ray treatment transformed Captain America into the pinnacle of human perfection, with peak human strength, speed, stamina, durability, agility, and reflexes. He was highly skilled in hand-to-hand combat and a master of several martial arts. He had extensive training in combat strategy, survival, acrobatics, military strategy, piloting, and demolitions.

PARAPHERNALIA: Created by governmental scientist Myron MacLain, Captain America's shield is 2.5 feet in diameter and composed of nearly indestructible Vibranium steel alloy even more durable than Adamantium. His costume is constructed of super-durable chain mail. He used a custom-built Harley Davidson motorcycle and, as necessary, Wakandan-designed van.

CAGE

REAL NAME: Carl Lucas (legally changed to Luke Cage)
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Adventurer (e.g. unlicensed super hero); former bar owner, bodyguard, mercenary, theater owner, private investigator, others.
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (science fiction statute); earlier criminal record acquitted.
PLACE OF BIRTH: Harlem, New York City, New York
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Harlem, New York City, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: An unsanctioned "Avengers" team; formerly Avengers, "Marvel Knights," Heroes for Hire, Secret Defenders, Hero for Hire Inc., Nightwing, Restorations, Defenders, Fantastic Four, Bloods
EDUCATION: High school dropout; self-educated in many areas

HISTORY: Framed for drug possession, Carl Lucas volunteered for a cell regeneration experiment that left him superhumanly strong and virtually indestructible. Escaping prison, he used the alias "Luke Cage" to become a "Hero for Hire," earning a living while putting his new powers to good use. Following brief stints in the Fantastic Four and the Defenders, he cleared his name and took Iron Fist as a partner in Heroes for Hire Inc., where the two became best friends. Following the business's dissolution, he eventually became a professional bodyguard, mostly restricting his crime fighting activities to his own neighborhood. Later, he accepted membership in the Avengers and married Jessica Jones, his girlfriend and mother of his daughter.

Initially unconcerned by the SHRA, Cage soon recognized its potential for abuse, and both he and Jessica refused to cooperate, despite my warning that criminal charges would result; doubtlessly my impression that Cage had committed the crimes for which he had originally been convicted lent his position little weight. While Jessica drove their daughter to safety in Canada, Cage awaited S.H.I.E.L.D.'s reaction to his refusal and found a small battalion literally at his doorstep. As grateful neighbors rallied to his support, Captain America, the Falcon, and the "Daredevil" imposter turned the battle's tide, and Cage subsequently became one of Captain America's right hand men in the Secret Avengers. Following Captain America's surrender to federal authorities, Cage is one of the radical anti-Registration heroes who refused to accept our offer of amnesty and instead continued to fight crime underground. He has since been reunited with Jessica and their daughter. S.H.I.E.L.D. recently made a second attempt to apprehend Cage in Harlem, but he resisted arrest by forcefully commandeering a S.H.I.E.L.D. hovercarrier to make his escape.

HEIGHT: 6'0"
WEIGHT: 425 lbs.
EYES: Brown
HAIR: Black

POWER & ABILITIES: Cage possesses superhuman strength which has fluctuated over the years but now appears to be roughly Class 25 or greater. He has steel-hard skin, super-dense muscles and bone tissue, and at least three times the recovery reaction of an ordinary human. Despite his great mass, Cage is a superb Hero for Hire and hand-to-hand combatant; he has also educated himself on many subjects and is fluent in several languages.

PARAPHERNALIA: Cage occasionally wears a leather jacket that is as impervious to injury as himself.

CAPTAIN MARVEL

REAL NAME: Mar-Vell
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Warden of Negative Zone Prison Alpha, licensed super hero; former Captain of the Kree space fleet, Protector of the Universe, astronomy assistant
CITIZENSHIP: Kree Empire
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (extraterrestrial) exiled from the Kree Empire, no criminal record on Earth
PLACE OF BIRTH: Rad Nam, Kree-Lar, planet Hala, Greater Magellanic Cloud
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Mobile throughout the local galaxy group
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly the Kree militia
EDUCATION: Kree military training

HISTORY: A pink-skinned member of the Kree military, Captain Mar-Vell was transferred to the vessel Helion and sent on a mission to Earth on behalf of the Kree Supreme Intelligence, where he operated as the super hero Captain Marvel in order to study humanity on behalf of his superiors. In a battle with the villain Nitro (Robert Hunter), Mar-Vell was exposed to a rare nerve gas which eventually caused a cancerous malady. It was years later that Mar-Vell finally realized he was sick and that the cancer was incurable, eventually succumbing to the cancer with his family and friends (including his beloved Elysius, an Eternal of Titan) at his bedside on Titan and receiving honorary membership in the Avengers.

Most recently, however, the Sentry (Robert Reynolds) was experimenting with a conflictor in an attempt to create additional portals between our world and the Negative Zone so that we could transport detainees to Negative Zone Prison Alpha. While doing this, he inadvertently created a temporary wormhole-like crease in the fabric of space and time that brought Mar-Vell from the past (a period that we estimate to be a few years prior to his death, but after the nerve gas exposure) into our timeline. After being informed of this remarkable development, we asked Mar-Vell to stay in our time period, as the powers he derives from the Nega-Bands may be the only force powerful enough to stop the Sentry if he ever succumbs to insanity. Mar-Vell accepted the duty, although we were forced to inform him that his previous exposure to nerve gas would most likely result in his death in a few years' time. Nonetheless, Mar-Vell has dutifully accepted an appointment as the warden of Negative Zone Prison Alpha.

HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 240 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Blond, originally white

POWER & ABILITIES: As a Kree, Captain Marvel possesses superhuman Class 10 strength, speed, stamina, agility, and reflexes due to genetic alteration as a result of bombardment with electromagnetic radiation. He is a master of all forms of Kree unarmed combat and possesses extensive knowledge of technologically-advanced Kree weapons and devices. He can metabolize solar energy and convert it for a variety of uses, including additional superhuman strength, durability, and flight; however, his abilities decrease at night or when he is otherwise shielded from a source of solar radiation. He also possesses a "Cosmic Awareness," which allows him to increase his intellect, granting him limited precognitive powers and the ability to ascertain an opponent's weaknesses.

PARAPHERNALIA: Captain Marvel's natural powers and abilities are significantly enhanced by his "Nega-Bands," which enable him to convert psionic energy for a variety of uses, including faster-than-light travel, superhuman Class 25 strength, increased metahuman durability, and the ability to fire force bolts.

CAPTAIN RECTITUDE

REAL NAME: Bob Jones IV
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Adventurer (e.g. unlicensed superhero); former bodyguard; field agent, savings and loan employee
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (science-based mutate); criminal record
PLACE OF BIRTH: Dark Nook Hollow, South Carolina
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Mobile across the U.S.A.
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly the American Purity Foundation
EDUCATION: College level

HISTORY: Bob Jones IV was a mild-mannered employee at the savings & loan association of Jasper Keaton, a financial chairman and aspiring politician who made millions of dollars on short-term commercial real-estate investments following the federal government's deregulation of the banking industry. With his ill-gotten fortune, Keaton founded a genetic research program which he used to transform Bob Jones and another employee into the superhuman bodyguards known as Captain Rectitude and the Abominatrix. Joining Keaton at the Nebuchadnezzar II (his resort casino headquarters in Las Vegas, Nevada) Captain Rectitude became a field agent for Keaton's American Purity Foundation, an organization dedicated to preserving family values that Keaton founded 22 years ago. As Captain Rectitude set out to wage a war against smut and pornography, Keaton attempted to obtain a nuclear warhead from a Las Vegas gangster in order to blackmail the U.S. Senate Banking Committee into handing over control of America's savings and loan associations to him. She-Hulk (Jennifer Walters) incapacitated Captain Rectitude and the Abominatrix in time to redirect Keaton's warhead into the desert, where it destroyed the Nebuchadnezzar II. Both Captain Rectitude and the Abominatrix were sent to prison, but Rectitude's sentence was shortened for *good* behavior and was soon on the streets again, committed to forcefully oppose all activity that he deemed unwholesome.

After the passage of the Registration Act, Captain Rectitude failed to comply with the new superhuman laws and was arrested by NYPD officers outside the Daily Bugle Building. He remains in federal custody.

HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 214 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Blond

POWER & ABILITIES: Jasper Keaton's genetic alterations endowed Captain Rectitude with Class 90 strength, as well as superhuman durability, speed and stamina. Captain Rectitude also possesses the ability to fly under his own power. His normal biological drives were replaced with a synthetic anti-pornography instinct programmed by Jasper Keaton's scientists, compelling Rectitude to blindly oppose all activity he deems unwholesome.

PARAPHERNALIA: Captain Rectitude's costume is composed of bulletproof and fire-resistant aromatic polyamide (aramid) fiber. The circuitry in his chest enables him to project destructive plasma blasts from his heart-shaped emblem at will.

CLOAK & DAGGER

REAL NAME: Tyrone Johnson & Tandy Bowen
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Adventurers (e.g. unlicensed super heroes); former students
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violators (science/magic-based mutates)
PLACE OF BIRTH: (Cloak) South Boston, Massachusetts; (Dagger) Shaker Heights, Ohio
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Holy Ghost Church, Manhattan, New York City, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly Secret Avengers, "Marvel Knights," (Dagger) New Warriors
EDUCATION: High-school dropouts

HISTORY: Tyrone Johnson and Tandy Bowen were two teenaged runaways who befriended each other at New York's Port Authority Bus Terminal. Shortly after, the duo accepted an offer of temporary shelter, unaware that the offer was an attempt by Maggia crime lord Simon Marshall to obtain new human test subjects for the synthetic narcotic he was developing. Johnson and Bowen escaped from Marshall, but not before they were injected with the drug, which triggered latent mutant powers in each of them. Slowly getting acclimated to their newfound powers, the duo decided to use them to protect New York's streets from men like Marshall. Naming themselves Cloak & Dagger, the vigilante duo has focused on combating illegal drug sales and assisting other runaway youths.

Shortly after enactment of the Superhuman Registration Act, Cloak & Dagger allied themselves with Captain America's underground resistance movement. In particular, Cloak's powers were effectively used by the team to make quick retreats during covert missions. Cloak & Dagger were located and arrested thanks to information provided to us by the Kingpin (Wilson Fisk), though it was later learned that their arrest was planned by Captain America's resistance so that S.H.I.E.L.D. would trust the Kingpin, with whom Captain America was conspiring. Following an escape, Cloak and Dagger were recaptured, only to be among the incarcerated heroes freed from Negative Zone Prison Alpha by Captain America's resistance movement. Immediately after their release, a massive battle erupted outside the prison between Captain America's followers and our pro-Registration forces. During the course of the fight, S.H.I.E.L.D. succeeded in closing Mr. Fantastic's portal to the Negative Zone, which would have stranded all of the anti-Registration heroes outside our prison where they would have been easily defeated; but Dagger persuaded Cloak to attempt to teleport everyone back to Earth. Although it was a tremendous strain on his mind and body, Cloak managed to teleport nearly every hero assembled to the sky above Midtown Manhattan, where the final battle between Captain America's resistance and our government forces continued.

HEIGHT: (Cloak) 6', (Dagger) 5'5"
WEIGHT: (Cloak) 40 lbs.; (Dagger) 115 lbs.
EYES: (Cloak) Brown; (Dagger) Blue
HAIR: (Cloak) Black; (Dagger) Blonde

POWER & ABILITIES: Dagger can create psionic "light daggers" which travel wherever she wills them and can drain living beings of vitality when struck. Cloak can become intangible and teleport himself and others through the Darkforce Dimension by mentally creating an aperture into that dimension. Cloak feels a constant hunger which can only be assuaged by feeding either on light projected by Dagger or on light consumed from the victims he dispatches into the Darkforce Dimension. Both possess moderate street-fighting ability; Dazzler's fighting style utilizes her light powers and ballet training.

COLDBLOOD-7

REAL NAME: Eric Savin
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities; presumed dead to general public
OCCUPATION: Urban soldier operating as mercenary; former soldier
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (cyborg), in custody, otherwise no criminal record
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unknown
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Mobile across the U.S.A.
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly the U.S. Army; Project: Ultra-Tech
EDUCATION: College level; extensive Army training

HISTORY: Once a member of the U.S. Army stationed in Nevada's Camp Killian, Lieutenant Colonel Eric Savin was placed in charge of overseeing Project: Ultra-Tech. Savin discovered that the weapons engineer known as Mako, Ultra-Tech's head developer, was no longer working for the Army but instead on the payroll of foreign interests and multinational corporations. While investigating the Maze facility where Mako tested his cybernetic creations, Savin was killed by a landmine, only to be resuscitated and enhanced via cybernetic surgery at the behest of Mako. Although disoriented at first, the cybernetic Savin, now dubbed "Coldblood-7," gradually regained his humanity and was instrumental in foiling Mako's plans. Coldblood-7 later decided to become a mercenary, frequently hiring his services out to Roxxon Oil Company.

After the enactment of the SHRA, Coldblood-7 was among the many superhumans who refused to register pursuant to the Act. He was apprehended and transferred to Negative Zone Prison Alpha, although his enhanced sensory systems reacted negatively to the alien environment of the Negative Zone, causing Coldblood-7 to suffer a breakdown shortly after arriving at the facility. After weeks spent in the prison, Coldblood-7 eventually recomposed himself and was among the unincarcerated superhumans who were freed by Captain America's resistance and participated in the final battle against our government-sponsored heroes in Midtown Manhattan.

HEIGHT: 6'7"
WEIGHT: 500 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Black

POWER & ABILITIES: Coldblood is a cyborg with a wetware grafted computer (computer grafted to his organic brain), a plasti-steel-reinforced skeleton, and artificial heart, synthetic hemoglobin, an artificial right eye, and artificial limbs. The entire right side of his face is an armored cybernetic implant. His cybernetic parts endow him with Class 50 strength as well as superhuman speed, stamina, and durability. He possesses enhanced sensory systems and has the ability to interface with virtually any computer system and to communicate with such systems (by mentally entering cyberspace).

PARAPHERNALIA: Coldblood possesses body armor of unknown composition. In addition to his arsenal of conventional firearms, his artificial left hand is implanted with a .357 automatic gun. For transportation, Coldblood possesses a specially designed high-speed automobile equipped with built-in guns which can be remote-controlled by a device implanted in his artificial left wrist.

COMMISSION ON SUPERHUMAN ACTIVITIES

OFFICIALS: Dr. Valerie Cooper (Chairperson; O*N*E Director), Henry Peter Gyrich (Acting Co-Chair), General Lewis Hayworth (U.S. Armed Forces Liaison), George Mathers (C.I.A. Liaison), Norman Osborn (Thunderbolts Field Team Director), Dallas Riordan (Acting Co-Chair), Adrian Sammish (Field Operations Manager), Orville Sanderson (F.B.I. Liaison), Raymond Sikorski
HEADQUARTERS: C.S.A. Headquarters, Washington D.C.
MAJOR FUNDING: U.S. government

HISTORY: The Commission is currently chaired by Dr. Valerie Cooper, the President's Adviser on Mutant Affairs and the newly appointed Director of the Office of National Security. Dr. Cooper has worked tirelessly to defend our nation through past superhuman programs such as Freedom Force, X-Factor and the Redeemers. However, since her recent appointment as O*N*E Director, many of the C.S.A.'s operations have been directed by Acting Co-Chair Henry Peter Gyrich (who is serving as the C.S.A.'s representative in the Fifty State Initiative Training Program) and Dallas Riordan (former member of the Thunderbolts). Many members of the old guard have been retained since enactment of the SHRA: General Lewis Heyworth still represents the military's interest in the Commission, George Mathers and Orville Sanderson still represent the interest of our nation's intelligence gathering agencies, and Adrian Sammish still manages many of the Commission's field operations. The most notable new addition is Norman Osborn, formerly the Green Goblin, who directs the personnel and operations of the newly reorganized Thunderbolts Field Team, a group of superhuman federal marshals composed of some of our nation's most notorious super-villains. Although it took some convincing to persuade senior members of the C.S.A. to allow Norman Osborn a place in the organization, my personal assurances that he would be closely monitored by nanites injected directly into his bloodstream eventually won the day.

At the time the SHRA was passed, the C.S.A. simply did not have the manpower or the resources to enact the enforcement, registration, and training programs mandated by the Act. That's why our government turned to an international organization in the form of S.H.I.E.L.D. to perform the initial enforcement, registration, and training activities associated with the SHRA. Now that substantial time has passed since the Registration Act became law, the C.S.A. is eventually starting to pick up the slack, and S.H.I.E.L.D. is gradually handing more and more enforcement authority over to the C.S.A. everyday. It is my hope that C.S.A. will be equipped to become fully responsible for enforcement of the SHRA within a few months' time. With Dr. Valerie Cooper at the Commission's helm, I have no doubt that the SHRA will be enforced firmly and fairly.

CYBERMANCER

REAL NAME: Suzi Endo
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Adventurer (e.g. unlicensed super hero), cybernetician
CITIZENSHIP: Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, U.S. resident status
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (exotic technology user)
PLACE OF BIRTH: Hong Kong
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Mobile
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: None
EDUCATION: M.S. in cybernetics

HISTORY: A Hong Kong cybernetician for Stark Enterprises, Suzi Endo sent a distress signal to Force Works, the short-lived team in which I was then active as Iron Man, after the Mandarin's Avatars attacked her lab. Although Force Works drove off the Avatars, my Hong Kong facilities were destroyed, and Iron Man, entrusting Suzi with my then-secret identity of Tony Stark, recruited her aid in creating a techno-organic virus to nullify the Mandarin's power. Shortly afterward, Suzi was captured by Cybermancer, a cyborg version of herself from an alternate future. Freed by Force Works after Cybermancer's defeat, she helped them defeat her doppelganger's allies by using one of the Cybermancer armor's gauntlets to remote-control the rest of the armor into sealing the time portal the invaders had used. Later, Suzi apparently reverse-engineered the gauntlet to herself become Cybermancer, active in Hong Kong and the vicinity, her armor enabling her to cross the waters to Taiwan and other neighboring islands.

After attending a Stark cybernetics conference in New York, Suzi used vacation leave to remain in the U.S. a few weeks longer and was thus present when the SHRA passed. Presuming her Stark connections and non-resident status exempted her, she took to the skies as Cybermancer to act as a "relief hero" while the U.S. heroes were occupied with registration, but when she observed the conduct of S.H.I.E.L.D.'s Superhuman Restraint Units, she became an open opponent of registration. She has since been arrested and deported to Hong Kong rather than imprisoned in Negative Zone Prison Alpha in order to avoid a diplomatic crisis with China.

HEIGHT: 5'4" **WEIGHT:** 111 lbs.
EYES: Brown **HAIR:** Black

POWER & ABILITIES: Cybermancer is a genius in the field of cybernetics.

PARAPHERNALIA: Cybermancer's armor grants her superhuman strength (Class 25 or higher) and speed, as well as the power of flight; it is equipped with shock rays to stun opponents, siphon functions to shut down any technology, heat seeker missiles, and hard-light knife-blade missiles and bombs. Its already formidable durability can be augmented by its hard-light cyber-cloak, which can become as hard as Adamantium. Its sensors can detect any biological, radioactive, or kinetic signal within an undetermined radius, and its internal computers allow her to calculate the trajectories and arcs of incoming projectiles or opponents and avoid them at a moment's notice.

DAMAGE CONTROL, INC.

EMPLOYEES: Walter Declun (former Chief Executive Officer), Anne-Marie Hoag (President / Director of Operations), Henry Ackerdson (Vice President of Marketing), Eugene Strausser (Head of Research & Development), Albert Cleary (Comptroller), Robin Chapel (Traffic Officer), Lenny Ballinger (Head Foreman), additional workforce of over 300
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS: (Currently) Roxxon Energy Complex, Long Island, New York (originally) Flatiron Building, Fifth Avenue & Broadway, Manhattan, New York
MAJOR FUNDING: Private and public clientele

HISTORY: Damage Control, Inc. is a Manhattan-based engineering company specializing in the clean-up, repair, and restoration of property damaged through superhuman activity. The publicly-traded company has achieved a near-monopoly of this field, which has proved to be tremendously lucrative for the organization. With a permanent workforce of nearly 300, Damage Control often subcontracts construction, engineering, and other work to other companies. Damage Control's clientele includes superhumans (it converted the former site of Avengers Mansion into a park and worked with the S.H.I.E.L.D. Corps of Engineers in repairing Four Freedom's Plaza) as well as the New York municipal government, the federal government, and private entities (including Stark Enterprises). Individuals and companies often pay for Damage Control's services through Extraordinary Activity Assurance (EAA) policies, although those not covered by an EAA can apply for funds from the Federal Disaster Area Stipend (FeDAAS), which the federal government has made available to residents of New York City. When Damage Control was faced with financial trouble 3 years ago, President Anne-Marie Hoag was forced to take the company public to raise capital, and businessman/NYSE board member Walter Declun (and his investors) bought a controlling share of the stock before forcing himself onto Damage Control's Board of Directors and ascending to the position of CEO. Declun recently purchased Roxxon Energy's offices in Long Island for $3.5 million to serve as Damage Control's new corporate headquarters.

While tracking Nitro after the Stamford Incident, Wolverine determined that Nitro's powers had been amplified by Mutant Growth Hormone (MGH) supplied by Declun. After destroying a considerable amount of Damage Control's assets, Wolverine (accompanied by Atlantean sleeper agents) infiltrated Damage Control's Long Island headquarters in search of evidence, but was arrested by a S.H.I.E.L.D. unit led by Sentry (Robert Reynolds) for non-compliance with the Registration Act. However, Logan soon escaped custody and assassinated Declun, whom he accused of amplifying Nitro's powers with MGH to increase Damage Control's profits (this accusation is still under investigation; S.H.I.E.L.D. will report back to you as soon as possible with our findings, as we are aware that Declun was a personal acquaintance of yours). In the aftermath of the extensive structural damage to Midtown Manhattan following the final battle against Captain America's followers, Damage Control has worked closely with our registered heroes to repair the buildings and infrastructure that were destroyed in the battle. They have even been contracted by the Fantastic Four to repair the damage inflicted upon the Baxter Building during Wildstreak's (Tamika Bowden) escape from custody.

DAREDEVIL

REAL NAME: Matthew Michael "Matt" Murdock
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Lawyer, adventurer (e.g. unlicensed super hero); former short order cook
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (precise status under review; presumed science-based mutate); fugitive
PLACE OF BIRTH: Hell's Kitchen, New York City, New York
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Hell's Kitchen, New York City, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly "Marvel Knights" (former partner of Black Widow (Natasha Romanova)
EDUCATION: J.D. in law (Columbia University); self-taught in mechanical engineering

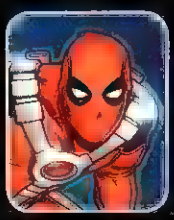
HISTORY: Raised in Manhattan's Hell's Kitchen (Clinton) neighborhood by his boxer father, Matt Murdock was blinded at a young age when a truck's radioactive cargo spilled on his eyes. But Murdock soon learned that the accident enhanced his remaining four senses to superhuman levels. Murdock learned to master his newfound powers under the tutelage of a blind martial arts master known as Stick and later attended law school at Columbia University. But before Murdock earned his law degree, his father was murdered by agents of the mob boss known as the Fixer (Roscoe Sweeny) for refusing to throw a boxing match. Outraged that the legal system failed to bring the Fixer to justice, Murdock donned a costume and took to the streets as the vigilante "Daredevil," vowing to serve the justice system as lawyer Matt Murdock while fighting evils beyond the law's reach as Daredevil.

Most recently, Matt Murdock was exposed as Daredevil by a tabloid and sent to Ryker's Island federal penitentiary pending trial for illegal vigilante activities committed as Daredevil. But although Warden Cole assured me that Murdock was locked safely away in protected custody, another "Daredevil" soon took to the streets of Hell's Kitchen and eventually joined Captain America's Secret Avengers following the passage of the SHRA. Although the identity of this imposter "Daredevil" remains in doubt, Murdock was far from inactive within Ryker's walls. After escaping Ryker's with the help of the Punisher (Frank Castle) during a prison-wide riot, Murdock donned the Daredevil identity once again and reportedly fled to Europe, although recent events suggest that his public outing may have been part of an F.B.I. conspiracy against him.

HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 200 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Red

POWER & ABILITIES: Exposure to radiation imbued Daredevil with a superhumanly acute sense of touch (able to read by feeling the impressions of ink on paper, and to perceive minute changes in temperature and air pressure in the atmosphere around him); superhumanly acute sense of smell (able to determine the contents of food and drink down to concentrations of 20 milligrams); and superhumanly acute powers of concentration (able to sift through his sensory input and focus on any one specific stimulus to the extent of the exclusion of all others). He also possesses a "radar sense" which allows him to sense the proximity of objects and persons in his vicinity.

PARAPHERNALIA: Daredevil wields a billy club of his own design which he carries disguised as a blind man's cane. The cane separates into two parts: one of which is a weighted fighting baton and the other which ends in a curved hook.



DEADPOOL

REAL NAME: Under investigation, most commonly known as "Wade T. Wilson"
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Mercenary; former government operative, criminal enforcer, sumo wrestler, soldier, others
CITIZENSHIP: Canada
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (science-based mutate); amnesty for past criminal activities under consideration
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Mobile
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Six Pack; formerly Deadpool Inc., Weapon X, Team Deadpool, Heroes for Hire, Secret Defenders, Frightful Four
EDUCATION: High school dropout, otherwise unrevealed

HISTORY: Following a troubled career as a mercenary, Wade Wilson joined Canada's Weapon X Program and received a superhuman healing factor to stave off cancer, only to wash out of the program and be sent to the sadistic Killebrew's Hospice for treatment. Regaining his health but losing his mind, Wilson became the costumed mercenary Deadpool, leading a lengthy, colorful, almost surrealistic career of murder, mayhem, and occasional benevolence. He has encountered the X-Men and their extended circle as both friends and foes (sometimes both simultaneously). Most recently, he entered an unpredictable friendship with so-called mutant messiah Cable.

Although deeply unimpressed by the SHRA, Deadpool decided to seek profit by hunting down unregistered super heroes. Although his attempt to impress the federal government by arresting the Great Lakes Champions failed on more than one level when the registered heroes defeated him, he was appointed a government-sanctioned bounty hunter, but his attempt to capture the Secret Avengers ended with him downed by his own darts and bound in duct tape. Escaping, he received orders directly from you to capture Cable, but after pursuing his quarry to France, his vocal contempt for extradition laws cost him his credibility and position. Deadpool has since joined G.W. Bridge's latest Six Pack in an assignment against Cable.

HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 210 lbs.
EYES: Brown
HAIR: None

POWER & ABILITIES: Deadpool's healing factor allows him to recover and regenerate from injuries with remarkable rapidity and provides an extended life span, resistance to diseases, and immunity to most drugs. Fluent in several languages, he is a near-incomparable hand-to-hand combatant, athlete, and master of virtually every firearm and bladed weapon; however, repeated brain damage and imperfect repair by his healing factor has left him in a questionable mental state.

PARAPHERNALIA: Deadpool carries a variety of weapons according to need and/or whim, including automatic firearms, blades, and grenades. He travels via a teleportation device and disguises himself with a holographic image inducer.

DOCTOR STRANGE

REAL NAME: Stephen Vincent Strange
DUAL IDENTITY: No dual identity
OCCUPATION: Sorcerer Supreme (e.g. protector of the Earth dimension), occult consultant; former physician, neurosurgeon
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Pending (Strange's duties as designated protector of the entire Earth dimension exempt him from many facets of the SHRA; however he is not exempt from prosecution for actively assisting known SHRA offenders)
PLACE OF BIRTH: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Greenwich Village, New York City, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: An unsanctioned "Avengers" team, Defenders, formerly the Order, Secret Defenders, Midnight Sons
EDUCATION: Doctorate in medicine; extensive sorcery training

HISTORY: After losing both his surgical precision and self-assurance in an automobile accident, Dr. Stephen Strange became a pupil of the sorcerer called the Ancient One, protecting humanity from mystic threats and, as Sorcerer Supreme, expanding his efforts to the entire Earth dimension. On a more mundane level, he frequently acts as a police consultant regarding mystic artifacts used by superhuman suspects, as in the trial of the White Tiger (Hector Ayala), and he has also performed service on a federal level, testifying before Congress regarding his ally the Hulk and retrieving a stolen nuclear missile silo from the dimension of Kobn.

When the SHRA was introduced, Strange was assured by Mister Fantastic that the government was willing to negotiate, inasmuch as his activities could by definition not be limited to American territory and interests. However, Strange's theoretical immunity did not lessen his distaste for the proceedings, yet he knew using his magic to negate the SHRA and its consequences would only delay and exacerbate the problem. After retreating to an arctic sanctuary to meditate, he concluded he could not remain neutral and offered limited assistance to Captain America's Secret Avengers. He is currently wanted for providing aid and comfort to several unregistered superhuman fugitives, most notably Luke Cage and Spider-Man (Peter Parker).

HEIGHT: 6'2 1/2" **WEIGHT:** 180 lbs.
EYES: Grey **HAIR:** Black, white at temples

POWER & ABILITIES: As one of the universe's most powerful sorcerers, Doctor Strange can use his innate psychic resources, the manipulation of ambient magical energy, and the invocation of mystic entities and objects to accomplish such feats as energy projection, transformation, teleportation, astral projection, travel to other dimensions and eras, and many others. He is also a talented athlete and martial artist, retaining his original medical education and supplementing it with arcane knowledge gathered from around the world and beyond.

PARAPHERNALIA: Doctor Strange customarily wears a Cloak of Levitation for flight and the Eye of Agamotto, an amulet capable of many mystic feats. He possesses a storehouse of mystic artifacts and tomes.

EQUINOX

REAL NAME: Terrance "Terry" Sorenson
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Unrevealed; former professional criminal
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (science-based mutate); criminal record; in custody
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unknown
BASE OF OPERATIONS: New York City
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Villains Anonymous
EDUCATION: Unknown

HISTORY: Mutated in a laboratory accident, Terry Sorenson was driven to insanity by the conflicting powers within him and turned to crime as Equinox in order to finance the efforts of his mother, Dr. Muggsy Sorenson, to restore him to normal. After he conducted a series of battles with Spider-Man, the Human Torch, Iceman, Yellowjacket, and the Wasp, Equinox's powers were stabilized, and he gained full control of them at Project: PEGASUS. The twelve-step program of Villains Anonymous (Vil-Anon) helped him overcome his irrational tendencies. He married and had a daughter, but following his wife's death, their daughter Janet manifested uncontrolled powers similar to his own, powers he desperately attempted to suppress, even by physical abuse, before the Falcon intervened and offered outside assistance.

Following the passage of the SHRA, Equinox, although not known to have returned to crime since his encounter with the Falcon, joined Shockwave, Goldbug, Bloodshed, and several other former and current superhuman criminals in a meeting with freelance spy Vienna, who offered to sell them new passports, driver's licenses, and plane tickets to escape the SHRA's restrictions. Unknown to the assembled super-villains, Vienna was actually working with the government-sponsored bounty hunting group known as Heroes for Hire and was setting them up for a sting operation. Vienna's sales pitch was interrupted by the arrival of several members of Heroes for Hire, but although Equinox and his fellow customers briefly overwhelmed the newcomers, they were defeated when a second wave of Heroes for Hire members joined the battle. Equinox and the others were sentenced to Mister Fantastic's Negative Zone Prison Alpha, where they remained despite the prison break orchestrated by Captain America.

HEIGHT: 6' **WEIGHT:** 200 lbs.
EYES: Brown **HAIR:** Bald

POWER & ABILITIES: When manifesting his superhuman abilities, Equinox exists in a state of thermodynamic flux as overlapping waves of heat and cold shift across his body with no harm to himself. Apparently, his transformation automatically transmutes the air surrounding his body into fiery plasma particles, which are seconds later enveloped in ambient moisture lowered to under -100° F, which is then restored to plasma form, in a continuing cycle until he deactivates his power. Equinox can project either flame or ice and is immune to the effects of temperature extremes of either. While in this state, he possesses superhuman Class 25 strength and durability. To date, there has been no indication that Equinox can use any of his powers while in non-mutated form.

FALCON

REAL NAME: Samuel "Sam" Wilson
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Licensed super hero, social worker, urban planner, former activist, politician
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (science-based remedy), earlier criminal record expunged
PLACE OF BIRTH: Harlem, New York City, New York
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Harlem, New York City, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly Captain America's Secret Avengers, the Avengers, Night People; former partner of Captain America
EDUCATION: High school dropout, extensively self-educated

HISTORY: The son of a Harlem minister, the disillusioned Sam Wilson began to stray down a criminal path after his father was killed trying to stop a brawl and his mother was killed by a mugger only two years later. The once respected member of the Harlem community began working as a racketeer, and was later used by the Red Skull (Johann Shmidt) as an unwilling pawn against Captain America; but the idealistic Wilson, as the "Falcon," instead joined forces with Captain America to defeat the Skull. Defending the streets of Harlem as both a super hero and community activist, Falcon frequently served as Captain America's crime-fighting partner over the years and even served with the Avengers, although his first brief term with the team ended badly when he discovered the government invited him to join to fulfill a racial quota.

After the enactment of the SHRA, Falcon was the first superhuman to ally with Captain America following his defection from S.H.I.E.L.D. Falcon was present with Captain America when they unsuccessfully attempted to recruit Yellowjacket (Henry Pym) into their organization, and later assisted Luke Cage in his effort to evade capture by a S.H.I.E.L.D. Superhuman Restraint Unit. When Captain America was incapacitated during the battle of Gelfen-Meyers Chemicals, it was Falcon who filled the leadership void. Following Captain America's initial surrender to federal authorities, Falcon remained one of the more radical anti-SHRA heroes who refused to accept our offer of amnesty. However, upon Captain America's death, Falcon finally registered his name and address with the government so that he could attend Captain America's funeral, requesting that he be assigned Harlem, New York as his jurisdiction under the Fifty State Initiative. Although he is now officially registered, I suspect Falcon's true sympathies remain with the heroes who have remained underground.

HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 240 lbs.
EYES: Brown
HAIR: Black

POWER & ABILITIES: Falcon possesses a telepathic/empathic link with most forms of avian life, including his trained falcon Redwing (who responds to both his verbal and mental commands), and can "see" through their eyes. He is a skilled trainer of wild birds and has been extensively trained by Captain America in hand-to-hand combat and gymnastics.

PARAPHERNALIA: Falcon's costume is composed of synthetic stretch fabric lined with steel alloy mesh which comes equipped with "hard light" wings. The entire system is controlled mentally through cybernetic circuitry in Falcon's mask. His costume is also equipped with a hidden "falcon talon," a cybernetically-controlled grappling line built into his gauntlets which can be used to entangle opponents or hook objects. His visors are equipped with infrared lenses, magnifications capabilities, and remote imaging sensors that allow full 360 degree vision when activated.

FANTASTIC FOUR

MEMBERS: Black Panther (T'Challa), Human Torch (Jonathan Lowell Spencer Storm), Invisible Woman (Susan Storm Richards, inactive), Mr Fantastic (Reed Richards, inactive), Storm (Ororo Munroe), Thing (Benjamin Jacob Grimm)
PURPOSE: To preserve the security of the planet Earth against superhuman threats of both earthly and alien origin; to explore the unknown
MODUS OPERANDI: Team responds to crisis alerts from New York headquarters
HEADQUARTERS: Baxter Building, Manhattan, New York City, New York
MAJOR FUNDING: Fantastic Four Inc. (a privately-held corporation funded on the proceeds from scientific patents held by Reed Richards)

HISTORY: Gaining superhuman powers as the result of exposure to cosmic rays during an experimental space flight approximately 13 years ago, the Fantastic Four are widely regarded as the "first" family of the modern age of super heroes. The intellectual genius Mr. Fantastic possesses a highly-malleable body which enables him to stretch, compress, expand, deform, elongate, contract or otherwise reshape his physical form at will. His wife, Invisible Woman, can render herself and other objects wholly or partially invisible at will by mentally bending all wavelengths of light in the vicinity around herself or the target in question. Her hot-headed younger brother, the Human Torch, can cover his body in fire, fly at supersonic speeds, project fireballs or other fire objects, manipulate existing flame and absorb heat with some mental strain. The blue-collar Thing's rocky physiology renders him superhumanly strong and durable.

The Superhuman Registration Act placed a tremendous strain on the Fantastic Four. From the outset of the Fifty State Initiative, Reed was an enthusiastic supporter of our plans due to his recent projections that superhuman vigilantism will spiral out of control in five years' time if left unregulated by the government. It was his prison in the Negative Zone which we retrofitted to become Negative Zone Prison Alpha. His wife and brother-in-law, on the other hand, disagreed and defected to Captain America's Secret Avengers shortly after the death of Goliath (William Foster). The Thing seemed to be disgusted with both sides of the Civil War and opted to choose neither, instead leaving the country for France, only to return during the final battle against Captain America's forces in an attempt to rescue civilians who were caught in the crossfire between the two warring sides. In the weeks following the Civil War, Mr. Fantastic and Invisible Woman reunited and decided to take a brief hiatus from the Fantastic Four in order to work at repairing the damage that the war inflicted upon their marriage. In their place, the Black Panther (King T'Challa of Wakanda) and his wife Storm (Queen Ororo of Wakanda) have agreed to temporarily serve as members of the Fantastic Four. The Wakanda Embassy has even been temporarily relocated to the Baxter Building after the original building was destroyed by the Thor clone we had created.

FIREBIRD

REAL NAME: Bonita Juarez
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Social worker, licensed super-hero
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Registered Superhuman (science-based mutate)
PLACE OF BIRTH: Taos, New Mexico
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Buena Vista, New Mexico
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Rangers; formerly Secret Avengers, Avengers
EDUCATION: Masters degree in social work

HISTORY: Encountering a fallen meteor from an experiment of the extraterrestrial S.H.I.E.L.D. (Society of Higher Interstellar Education and Logistical Development), Bonita Juarez was mutated into superhuman form. Originally believing her power to be divine in nature, she became the costumed heroine Firebird, and a chance encounter with other southwestern heroes led to the formation of the Rangers. Later, calling herself Espiritu, she became an associate of the West Coast Avengers and briefly pursued a relationship with Henry Pym; humbled after encountering the aliens responsible for her powers, she resumed the name Firebird. Although she placed priority on her community and church work, she remained an active super-hero and participated in select Avengers missions. When the thunder god Thor questioned his place among mortal heroes during the series of crises instigated by Kang, Firebird, herself apparently immortal, helped him regain his earthly perspective.

Recently, Firebird altered her costume to a somewhat more provocative design, perhaps indicative of changes in her personal life or beliefs. She and several other superhumans abducted by the Stranger as part of his emulation of the Beyonder's "Secret Wars," and she again pursued her attraction to Henry Pym during the crisis. Following the SHRA's passage, Firebird registered as a licensed super hero without protest. However, following reports of Goliath's death, she traveled to New York and, acting out of conscience regardless of her own registered status, joined Captain America's Secret Avengers. Following Captain America's surrender to federal authorities, Firebird was among he many heroes who accepted our offer of amnesty. Now, as a participant in the Fifty State Initiative, she serves on the Rangers, the official super-team of Texas.

HEIGHT: 5'5" **WEIGHT:** 124 lbs.
EYES: Brown **HAIR:** Black

POWER & ABILITIES: Firebird can generate heat and flame and control both with molecular precision. She most often uses these powers to surround herself with an avian-like flame aura which she can channel downward in a tight stream, enabling her to fly. She can mentally control any heat or flame in her vicinity and is physically immune to extreme heat and fire. She can also create powerful winds by manipulating air temperatures in the vicinity and use convection currents and thermal updrafts to carry tremendous weights aloft. In addition, Firebird has demonstrated more mysterious abilities which have not yet been fully explained, such as experiencing visions, sensing the presence of evil, and having an apparent immunity to demonic possession. Although unconfirmed, it is possible that Firebird's powers have rendered her immortal, as she has proven to be immune to the vacuum of space, poisons, and massive doses of radiation.

NICK FURY

REAL NAME: Nicholas Joseph Fury
DUAL IDENTITY: No dual identity
OCCUPATION: Former S.H.I.E.L.D. director, S.H.I.E.L.D. agent, intelligence agent, soldier and commando leader, parachuting instructor, stunt flyer
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Exempt from SHRA (science-based mutate (pending)), fugitive
PLACE OF BIRTH: New York City
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Unknown
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: S.H.I.E.L.D. (both incarnations); formerly Team Valkyrie, C.I.A., liaison to MI-5, O.S.S., Howling Commandos, U.S. Army
EDUCATION: High school, possibly unfinished; extensive military and intelligence training

HISTORY: After a distinguished career as leader of the Howling Commandos during World War II and of the C.I.A.'s Team Valkyrie in the 1950s, Nick Fury, his lifespan extended by the Infinity Formula, became head of the worldwide espionage organization S.H.I.E.L.D. Combining cutting-edge capabilities with timeless common sense, Fury led his forces against the most dangerous terrorist units to threaten the U.S. and the world, invariably triumphing over all odds. When, after years of selfless dedication, Fury discovered his organization had been infiltrated by android Deltites, he and a handful of allies traveled the world to shut down S.H.I.E.L.D., and then soon afterward rebuilt it stronger than ever. Although briefly inactive following a failed attempt on his life by the Punisher, Fury has remained steadfast as not only S.H.I.E.L.D.'s first but often its last barrier to infiltration and corruption.

After staging a secret, unauthorized war against Latveria in which he brainwashed the heroes involved so they would retain no memories of it, Fury dropped from sight, leaving S.H.I.E.L.D. directorship to be assigned to Maria Hill, a low-ranking Madripoor officer who believes she was set up to fail so another, like myself, would step in. Fury has periodically resurfaced following the SHRA's enactment, providing supplies and facilities to Captain America and other renegade heroes, as well as acting as an inside source for journalist Sally Floyd. Since Fury went underground, S.H.I.E.L.D. has employed several Life-Model Decoy (LMD) androids to impersonate him (such as the one we used to lure the Hulk (Bruce Banner) into space).

HEIGHT: 6'1" **WEIGHT:** 221 lbs.
EYES: Brown **HAIR:** Brown, white at temples

POWER & ABILITIES: Fury is an extraordinary athlete, tactician, hand-to-hand combatant, and marksman. He is a trained paratrooper, Ranger, weapons and demolition expert, pilot, and martial artist. He ages at less than half the rate of an ordinary man thanks to his ingestion of the Infinity Formula.

PARAPHERNALIA: Fury invariably goes into action armed with an advanced energy rifle and cloaked in bullet-proof/fireproof clothing. He has access to the most advanced forms of technology the U.S. government has created, and others besides.

GHOST-MAKER

REAL NAME: Grigori Sovchenko
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Assassin, espionage agent
CITIZENSHIP: Russia
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (mainframe record); international criminal record; in custody
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unknown
BASE OF OPERATIONS: New York City, New York; formerly worldwide; Moscow, Russia
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly the Hand; K.G.B.
EDUCATION: Extensive martial arts and K.G.B. covert operations training

HISTORY: The son of a high-ranking KGB official, Grigori Sovchenko was raised in the Russian steppes where he was trained by two of China's premiere martial artists for 15 years. Upon reaching adulthood, he had become the Soviet Union's finest martial artist and began work as a K.G.B. assassin. After killing 10 of the West's finest spies, he adopted the name "Ghost-Maker." Ghost-Maker led a K.G.B. attack on a British military facility in Sussex, England until the attack was repelled by Shang-Chi and Black Jack Tarr. Ghost-Maker retreated and soon released a cloud of "death dust" into the air in an attempt to assassinate the Queen of England; but the wind blew in the wrong direction and rain containing the dust began to fall, burning off Ghost-Maker's skin and killing him. Later, members of Japan's Snakeroot Clan (affiliated with the Hand) mystically resurrected Ghost-Maker and sent him to assassinate their enemies Daredevil (Matt Murdock) and Elektra (Elektra Natchios) in America. With the help of Shang-Chi, Daredevil and Elektra defeated Ghost-Maker, and Elektra killed him with her sai. But the Snakeroot resurrected Ghost-Maker yet again, although our sources say that Ghost-Maker was no longer loyal to his benefactors.

After passage of the SHRA, Ghost-Maker contacted the freelance spy known only as Vienna to obtain a new identity, passport, driver's license, and plane tickets. But unknown to Ghost-Maker and the other super-villains who had been dealing with Vienna, she was participating in a sting operation organized by the federally-sanctioned Heroes for Hire bounty hunting team. After Heroes for Hire infiltrated Vienna's headquarters and defeated the assembled super-villains, Ghost-Maker was arrested under authority of the SHRA and incarcerated within Negative Zone Prison Alpha.

HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 191 lbs.
EYES: Brown
HAIR: Black

POWER & ABILITIES: Originally, Ghost-Maker possessed no inherent superhuman powers. After his resurrection by the Snakeroot, however, he possesses the ability to reform from most physical injuries, even apparent death. As an intensively trained assassin and a master of several martial arts, he is proficient in both armed and unarmed combat.

PARAPHERNALIA: Although he is proficient in the use of many weapons, both traditional and modern, Ghost-Maker's weapon of choice is a curved, single-edged katana (Japanese long sword). He often uses a turbojet pack for flight.

GLADIATRIX

REAL NAME: Robin Braxton
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Adventurer (e.g. unlicensed super hero), professional wrestler; former mercenary
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (mainframe record notation in custody; otherwise no criminal record
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed
BASE OF OPERATIONS: New York City
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Anti-Registration Underground, formerly Femizons, Grapplers
EDUCATION: Unknown

HISTORY: When aged wrestler-turned-manager Ann "Auntie Freeze" Fraley organized the Grapplers to become an affiliate of the Unlimited Class Wrestling Federation, Robin Braxton, a.k.a. Gladiatrix, was one of several contracted wrestlers to undergo the strength augmentation procedures of Power Broker, Inc. Other members of the reorganized Grapplers included Battleaxe, Butterball, Cowgirl, Mapilla, Sushi, and Vavavoom. After another wrestler, Titania (Davida DeVito) was slain by a disguised member of the Scourge Program, Gladiatrix joined several others in attacking the Thing, at that time a UCWF wrestler himself, when he was briefly suspected of the murder. Months later, perhaps inspired when Captain America visited the UCWF gym to meet with Dennis "Demolition" Dunphy (later D-Man), Gladiatrix unsuccessfully tried out for Avengers membership alongside Speedball, the Blue Shield, and the Mechanaut (Fabian Stankowicz, later a member of the Avengers Support Crew). Later, Gladiatrix was one of dozens of superhuman women, most of them criminals, recruited by Superia to join her Femizons, but although she joined the luxury cruise to Superia's base and fought Captain America and Paladin when they investigated Superia's activities, her stay with the Femizons was short. She next attended an A.I.M. Weapon Expo and again joined a crowd of attacking super-villains when Captain America and his allies were exposed as incognito attendees.

Eventually, Gladiatrix's aspirations again turned to crimefighting, and she became one of the ten dozen or so super heroes active in New York. Following the SHRA's passage into law, she joined Kruzado, the Natural, U.S. Annie, the Zapster, and several other local super heroines in Typeface's Anti-Registration Underground. When Iron Man and S.H.I.E.L.D. Superhuman Restraint Units attacked the underground's headquarters, Gladiatrix sacrificed her escape opportunity to get attending journalist Sally Floyd to safety, and was arrested along with most of the underground members. Incarcerated in Negative Zone Prison Alpha, she was ensconced within a virtual reality simulator to keep her subdued prior to the breakout orchestrated by Captain America. She participated in the massive battle against our pro-Registration forces in Midtown New York, but was one of the few heroes who refused to accept our offer of amnesty following Captain America's surrender.

HEIGHT: 6'4"
WEIGHT: 300 lbs.
EYES: Green
HAIR: Red

POWER & ABILITIES: In addition to being an accomplished wrestler, Gladiatrix possesses superhuman strength (Class 10) and endurance.

GOLDBUG

REAL NAME: Matthew Gilden
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to authorities
OCCUPATION: Professional thief; former executive at Shank's Armored Couriers
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (exotic technology user); criminal record; deceased
PLACE OF BIRTH: Dallas, Texas
BASE OF OPERATIONS: New York City, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Former pawn of Latverian Prime Minister Lucia von Bardas; They Who Wield Power; and the Maggia
EDUCATION: Masters degree in business administration

HISTORY: Obsessed with gold, Goldbug was compelled to acquire as much of the precious metal as possible by any means necessary. In one of his first attempted heists, he established the alter ego of "Jack Smith" and obtained a position with Shank's Armored Couriers, robbing a shipment of gold and attempting to frame Luke Cage for his crime. While attempting to locate and conquer the legendary golden city of el Dorado, Goldbug was forced to team-up with the Hulk (Bruce Banner) against the villain Tyrannus. Goldbug later contracted an illness due to radioactive gold with which he came into contact, but he was later cured of his condition. He was also an unwilling pawn of Latverian Prime Minsiter Lucia von Bardas, who paid the Tinkerer to provide Goldbug and other technologically-based villains with armor that could transform into a large explosive device.

After passage of the SHRA, Goldbug decided to flee the country and contacted the freelance spy known only as Vienna to obtain a new identity, passport, driver's license, and plane tickets. But unknown to Goldbug and the other super-villains who had been dealing with Vienna, she was participating in a sting operation organized by the federally-sanctioned Heroes for Hire bounty hunting team. After the Heroes for Hire infiltrated Vienna's headquarters and defeated the assembled super-villains, Goldbug was taken into custody pursuant to the SHRA, but immediately escaped using his remote-controlled hovercraft. Desperate, he apparently sought out Diamondback (Rachel Leighton) of BAD Girls Inc., a member of Captain America's Secret Avengers resistance movement. Our operative Tigra (Greer Nelson) reports that the Goldbug, along with fellow super-villain the Plunderer (Percival Plunder), were granted access to Captain America's hideout and offered their assistance in his operations, but were executed by the Punisher (Frank Castle) before Captain America could respond.

HEIGHT: 5'9"
WEIGHT: 170 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Blond

POWER & ABILITIES: Goldbug possessed no inherent superhuman powers. He was a gifted inventor and criminal strategist.

PARAPHERNALIA: Goldbug possessed a costume made of steel mesh and coated with gold foil which contains an electrically-powered exoskeleton which amplifies his strength and is equipped with a wafer-thin parachute sewn inside. He also carried a "gold gun" which shoots gold particles that harden on contact. He also used a jet-propelled hovercraft constructed by the Tinkerer (Phineas Mason), which is equipped with gold plating and magna-drive engines, laser weaponry, radar scanners, and suction devices. His custom-made submarine is similar in design, with gold plating, laser weaponry, titanium grapplers, cloaking devices, and depth charges.

GOLIATH

REAL NAME: William Barrett "Bill" Foster
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to U.S. government and S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Biochemist, inventor, research scientist, adventurer (e.g. unlicensed super hero; former circus performer, soldier
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (science-based mutate), deceased
PLACE OF BIRTH: Watts, Los Angeles, California
BASE OF OPERATIONS: New York City, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly Project PEGASUS, Circus of Crime, U.S. Armed Forces
EDUCATION: Ph.D. in biochemistry (California Technical Institute); Doctorate of Science

HISTORY: Born into poverty in the ghettos of southern Los Angeles, Foster enlisted in the military and later went on to attend college and earn a doctorate in biochemistry. Quickly becoming a leading figure in the biochemistry field, Foster came to my attention and I hired him as a researcher at the Stark Industries Baltimore facility. When Yellowjacket (Henry Pym, who was operating as "Goliath" at the time) found himself unable to revert back from giant size, I offered Foster's expertise, and Foster quickly remedied the situation before becoming Pym's close friend and laboratory assistant. Improving upon Pym's growth formula, Foster became "Black Goliath" (later shortening the name to just "Goliath") and embarked upon a successful career in super heroics while working as the head of research at my new Stark West facility in California. He later left Stark Industries to pursue work at Project PEGASUS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and his own Biotechnically Induced Growth (B.I.G.) botanical research project with Pym.

After enactment of the SHRA, Goliath was one of the heroes who sided with Captain America's superhuman resistance movement; the Secret Avengers. During the battle at Gelden-Meyer Chemicals, Goliath attempted to neutralize our cybernetic Thor clone, whose late entry into the battle had turned the tide in our favor. But before anyone could react, the Thor clone had used his hammer to direct a powerful bolt of electrical energy through Goliath's chest, killing him almost instantaneously. Goliath's death shocked everyone present and served as a turning point in the war, prompting many previously neutral superhumans to join Captain America's resistance (but also causing a few of the resistance members to realize the seriousness of the war and defect to our side). Due to my role in creating the cybernetic clone, I couldn't help but feel responsible for my friend's death, and I paid for his funeral service in New Jersey. Unfortunately, we were unable to use Pym particles to revert his body to normal size for the service, forcing us to bury him in an oversized grave.

HEIGHT: 6' (variable)
WEIGHT: 200 lbs. (variable)
EYES: Brown
HAIR: Black

POWER & ABILITIES: Goliath was able to assume a giant size up to a safe maximum height of 25 feet (a larger size would risk severe physiological strain) thanks to his Pym Particle-based growth formula. In giant form, he possessed superhuman Class 25 strength as well as superhumanly acute senses, slightly enhanced durability, an amplified voice, and an enlarged brain which rendered him somewhat immune to psionic attacks. Foster was a brilliant scientific researcher and inventor and one of the world's leading biochemists.

GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONS

MEMBERSHIP: Big Bertha (Ashley Crawford), Doorman (DeMarr Davis), Flatman (Vik Ventura), Mister Immortal (Craig Hollis), Squirrel Girl (Doreen Green), Tippy-Toe
PURPOSE: To serve and protect the State of Wisconsin under authority of the SHRA
MODUS OPERANDI: Team works with local law enforcement officials to combat threats to Wisconsin
HEADQUARTERS: Milwaukee, Wisconsin
MAJOR FUNDING: Ashley Crawford

HISTORY: Overcoming despair from his inability to commit suicide following several tragedies in his life, Craig Hollis put his mutant indestructibility to work as Mister Immortal and, via a classified ad, gathered super-strong Big Bertha, the teleporting Doorman, highly malleable Flatman, and the pteradactyl-like Dinah Soar as a Milwaukee-based super-team. Using the name "Great Lakes Avengers" for better media attention, the quintet's early moderate success attracted the attention of Avengers Hawkeye and Mockingbird, who became team leaders and gave their amateur-level colleagues professional training, enabling them to assist other heroes against the likes of That Which Endures and Terminus. Although their mentors eventually returned to the Avengers, the GLA remained active, dividing their time between public engagements and battles with both mundane and exotic criminals, with one of the latter, maniacal Christmas terrorist Doctor Tannenbaum, becoming a recurrent opponent. When the Thunderbolts hit the headlines, the GLA, again seeking spillover attention, briefly changed their name to the Lightning Rods but soon re-declared themselves Avengers.

When the Avengers were forcibly and temporarily disbanded following the Scarlet Witch's breakdown, Mister Immortal worked to renew his teammates' enthusiasm, only for Dinah Soar to perish in battle with Maelstrom. Recruiting Squirrel Girl and her human-level-intellect squirrel sidekick Monkey Joe, the team unflaggingly continued their battle with Maelstrom, who was finally undone by Mister Immortal's manipulative depression, while Doorman was promoted to the position of agent of Oblivion, the conceptual embodiment of non-existence. Although Monkey Joe perished during the fight, he was replaced by the equally intelligent Tippy-Toe, and the team again chose a new name, the Great Lakes X-Men.

When Squirrel Girl befriended the Thing after helping him defeat Bi-Beast, he invited her and her teammates to his super-hero-poker tournament, where they mingled, triumphed, and chose their current team name, the Great Lakes Champions. Following the passage of the SHRA, the GLC immediately registered as licensed super heroes and capped the day by defeating an attacking Deadpool, who had presumed them unregistered. Today, the Great Lakes Champions continue to proudly serve as registered superhumans and have been appointed as the official super-team of Wisconsin under the Fifty State Initiative program.

GREEN GOBLIN

REAL NAME: Norman Osborn
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: C.S.A. official; formerly owner and president of Oscorp
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (science-based mutate); amnesty for past criminal activities under consideration; criminal record
PLACE OF BIRTH: Hartford, Connecticut
BASES OF OPERATIONS: Thunderbolts Mountain, Cypress Springs, Colorado; Manhattan, New York City, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Thunderbolts; formerly Sinister Twelve (founder), the Order of the Goblin, Cabal of Satan
EDUCATION: College graduate (science major, fifth year degree)

HISTORY: Businessman Norman Osborn rose to prominence after framing his partner for embezzling funds from their chemical company, Osborn Industries. Seizing full control of the company, he attempted to ingest his partner's untested strength-enhancing "Goblin Formula" but the unstable serum exploded in his face, enhancing his physical abilities and causing an evil new persona of questionable sanity to emerge. As the Green Goblin, Osborn plotted to make a name for himself in New York's underworld by murdering Spider-Man (Peter Parker) and soon became the web-slinger's arch nemesis, eventually learning his secret identity and killing his girlfriend. After murdering one of his own employees, Osborn was publicly exposed as the Green Goblin by investigative journalist Jessica Jones and sent to prison. We chose to inject Osborn with nanites to control his activity and give him chance of redeeming himself by using his organizational and creative genius toward more constructive goals. Unfortunately, someone within our ranks secretly made specialized modifications to the behavioral protocols in Osborn's nanites, prompting him to slaughter nearly 20 members of an Atlantean cell and wound Atlantean Ambassador Giovan, two incidents which drastically escalated the tension between the U.S. and Atlantis. After being interrogated by the N.Y.P.D., F.B.I., and C.I.A. (and claiming that he was being controlled by the nanites at the time of the attacks), Osborn was released back into S.H.I.E.L.D. custody where we corrected the nanite modifications.

Now, as an employee of the C.S.A., Osborn serves as the Thunderbolts Field Team Director. He is tasked with managing the team's personnel and coordinating their missions. He is also responsible for the team's fleet at Thunderbolts Mountain, including the Zeus (a specially-designed flying team transport), the I-Wagons (a fleet of flying prison cells), and the Cloudeyes (a fleet of hypersonic, robotic surveillance jets). His first order of business was to terminate field team leader Solarfire (Melissa Gold) and replace her with Moonstone (Karla Sofen).

HEIGHT: 5'11" **WEIGHT:** 185 lbs.
EYES: Blue **HAIR:** Red-brown

POWER & ABILITIES: Green Goblin possesses superhuman Class 10 strength, speed, and stamina, as well as enhanced durability, agility, and reflexes. He is a brilliant inventor, chemist, and organizer. The Goblin Formula also imbued him with a regenerative ability that enables him to recover from injuries that would be fatal to normal humans.

PARAPHERNALIA: Green Goblin possesses a small arsenal of custom-made weaponry, including concussion and incendiary pumpkin bombs, wraith-shaped smoke and gas emitting bombs, razor-edged bat-shaped boomerangs, and gloves woven with micro-circuital power-conducting filaments which channel pulsed discharges of electricity. His costume consists of bulletproof mail with an overlapping tunic, cap, and mask. For transportation he utilizes a one-man miniature turbo-fan powered vertical thrust, cybernetically-controlled "Goblin Glider" capable of speeds up to 90 m.p.h.

HAMMERHEAD

REAL NAME: Under Investigation
DUAL IDENTITY: Secret
OCCUPATION: Crimelord; former loan shark, enforcer, hitman
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (escaped), extensive criminal record
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unknown
BASE OF OPERATIONS: The Hammer Night Spot, Brooklyn, New York City, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: The Maggia crime family, formerly the Sinister Twelve
EDUCATION: Unknown

HISTORY: Years ago, a minor gunman in the Maggia crime family was nearly beaten to death and left beneath the movie poster for "The Al Capone Mob." In a state of delirium and with his skull fractured to pieces, the gunman was found by disgraced surgeon Jonas Harrow, who replaced his skull and broken bones with a strong steel alloy. Recovering, the gunman became fixated on the image of Al Capone and determined to ascend to the very top of the New York underworld. Since his head was broad and flattened as a result of the surgery, he adopted the name "Hammerhead" and fashioned himself after the gangsters of the Prohibition Era (including everything from his clothing to his mannerisms). His fascination with the 1920s has often bordered on the psychotic and it is unknown whether even he remembers the details of his life prior to becoming Hammerhead due to long-term amnesia.

Most recently, Hammerhead was incarcerated at Ryker's Island until he was released on a technicality when his case went on appeal. With rival crimelord the Kingpin (Wilson Fisk) still incarcerated at Ryker's, Hammerhead immediately attempted to capitalize upon the Civil War and form an alliance of street-level supervillains to fight against the SHRA. Those criminals who refused to cooperate, such as Slyde, were executed, sending a strong message to those members of the super-villain community who doubted Hammerhead's capacity to lead. Hammerhead's growing super-villain syndicate soon included Electro, Man Mountain Marko, Spot, Trapster, and the Circus of Crime. Gathering in a safe house in New York City, Hammerhead began his attempt to organize the villain community to defeat the super heroes while they were divided against each other. However, S.H.I.E.L.D. had been working with the incarcerated Kingpin to learn the location of Captain America's resistance members. Little did we know that the Kingpin was secretly cooperating with Captain America and led us to Hammerhead's safe house instead of Captain America's base of operations. Under the impression that we were about to apprehend Captain America, my S.H.I.E.L.D. strike team stormed the building only to find Hammerhead and his syndicate. Nearly all syndicate members were subdued and incarcerated. Hammerhead was returned to Ryker's Island where he was shot in the head by Underworld, his former enforcer who was secretly in league with the Kingpin. Despite his skull's impervious nature to most injuries, it seems unlikely Hammerhead will survive such a wound.

HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 265 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Black

POWER & ABILITIES: Portions of Hammerhead's skull and skeleton have been surgically replaced with a nearly unbreakable steel alloy which renders him extremely resistant to physical injury (his head, in particular, is nearly indestructible). He is an exceptional athlete and hand-to-hand combatant. He is also proficient in the use of most firearms, particularly machine guns from the Prohibition Era. Although believed to be psychotic by many, he has proven to be a skilled criminal mastermind.

HERCULES

REAL NAME: Heracles (originally Alcaeus)
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Adventurer (ex-); unlicensed super hero(?); former S.H.I.E.L.D. agent, movie actor
CITIZENSHIP: Olympus
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (god), fugitive
PLACE OF BIRTH: Thebes, Greece
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Olympus, Greece; Manhattan, New York City, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly Secret Avengers, Heroes for Hire, the Avengers, the Champions, the Defenders, the Argonauts
EDUCATION: Educated by tutors employed by his step-father

HISTORY: The son of Zeus, king of the Olympian gods, and the mortal Alcmena, Hercules was born over 3,000 years ago, intended by Zeus to one day serve as a champion to both the gods and humanity. Hercules was raised in Ancient Greece with his mother and step-father, Amphitrion, and his godly strength soon became well-known throughout the land. As an adult, his celebrated Twelve Labors, performed to prove his worthiness for immortality to Zeus, ensured his place in legend. In modern times, he befriended the Avengers who served as his allies in several battles against his brother, Ares, the Olympian god of war (who, ironically, now serves on roster as a reincarnation of the Avengers). Although his ever exuberance and love of drink often got the better of him, Hercules became a valuable member of the Avengers.

After the enactment of the SHRA, Hercules almost immediately joined forces with Captain America in opposition to the registration, due in part to his reluctance to adhere to mortal law as well as his fierce loyalty to Steve Rogers. Since many of Captain America's Secret Avengers were street-level vigilantes, Hercules provided the team with a much needed power-player. During the battle of Goffen-Meyer Chemicals, it was Hercules who prevented me from defeating Captain America by throwing an automobile on top of me. Hercules remained dedicated to Captain America throughout the remainder of the Civil War. Battling fiercely at the final major battle between pro- and anti-Registration forces in Midtown New York, it was Hercules who destroyed our cybernetic Thor clone by using its own hammer to smash its head open. Now that both Zeus (allegedly killed by the Japanese god of evil Mikaboshi) and Captain America are presumed dead, it is not clear where Hercules' loyalties will lay in the future (or how he will react to the news that we recruited his hated half-brother Ares into the Avengers).

HEIGHT: 6'5"
WEIGHT: 325 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Dark brown

POWER & ABILITIES: Virtually immortal, Hercules possesses incalculable strength (approximated at superhuman Class 1000), godlike stamina, and superhuman speed, durability, agility, and reflexes. Trained in the combat skills of Ancient Greece, he is an extraordinary Greco-Roman wrestler as well as an accomplished archer.

PARAPHERNALIA: Hercules' weapon of choice is the "Golden Mace," forged by Hephaestus from the virtually indestructible enchanted metal known as adamantine. For transportation, Hercules occasionally uses a chariot drawn by enchanted Olympian horses.

HEROES FOR HIRE

MEMBERSHIP: Black Cat (Felicia Hardy), Humbug (Buck Mitty), Mercedes "Misty" Knight, Orka, Shang-Chi, Tarantula (Maria Vasquez), Colleen Wing; Otis Johnson II (administrative assistant)
PURPOSE: To detect and arrest SHRA violators
MODUS OPERANDI: Team responds to leads obtained through Humbug's insect network and other sources
HEADQUARTERS: Offices above Golden Dragon Restaurant, Chinatown, New York City, New York
MAJOR FUNDING: U.S. government

HISTORY: The current Heroes for Hire is the third in a series of related teams. The first, Hero for Hire, Inc., consisted of the partnership of Luke Cage and Iron Fist, who often worked with the private investigation firm Nightwing Restorations, operated by cyborg Misty Knight and samurai Colleen Wing, a.k.a. the Daughters of the Dragon. Years later, the four friends organized a larger, more traditional super-team whose memberships included Hercules, the Black Knight (Dane Whitman), Ant-Man (Scott Lang), Thena, She-Hulk, and others, but this endeavor proved short-lived. More recently, Knight and Wing revived their Daughters of the Dragon operation as bail bondswomen, hunting down superhuman criminals who fled court appearances. Shortly after hiring the indestructible Otis Johnson II as a secretary, the twosome pursued Humbug, last of four criminals targeted by socialite crime lord Celia Ricadonna for stealing a microchip with the potential to destabilize the world economy. Ricadonna retrieved the chip, but Knight and Wing, with the help of Humbug and others, disrupted the auction. Meanwhile, Otis befriended the Atlantean behemoth Orka, who sought to bail out his associate Stilt-Man.

Following the SHRA's passage, Knight and Wing accepted my offer of federal funding to form a third Heroes for Hire team to hunt down SHRA violators. The pair were soon joined by martial artist Shang-Chi, who volunteered his services without request, and the mysterious female fighter Tarantula, who craved enemies to battle. They also recruited Humbug for use of his insect army as a spy network, Orka for sheer muscle, and the burglar-turned-heroine Black Cat completed the team's roster, alongside super-strong mercenary Paladin. However, when the team used mystic means to locate Captain America and his Secret Avengers in hope of opening negotiations and brokering a ceasefire in the Civil War, Paladin (who had secretly brokered a separate deal with S.H.I.E.L.D. to deliver Captain America into custody himself) released a handful of gas grenades that incapacitated nearly everyone in the Secret Avengers safe house, although the operation ended with Captain America leaving Paladin to be captured in his place after Shang-Chi was able to resist inhaling the gas fumes. By the time S.H.I.E.L.D. learned of the switch, Captain America and his allies were already long gone. Heroes for Hire also investigated the use of Skrull organ transplants to enable superhuman criminals to change shape and evade SHRA registration, resulting in an explosive confrontation with Ricadonna and her henchman on her Hart's Island base of operations.

HOWARD THE DUCK

REAL NAME: Howard (full name under investigation)
DUAL IDENTITY: None; the general populace believes Howard to be an urban legend
OCCUPATION: Gorgonzo salesman, cab driver, dishwasher, others
CITIZENSHIP: "Duckworld"
LEGAL STATUS: The U.S. government does not acknowledge Howard's existence (extraditionpersonal)
PLACE OF BIRTH: Allegedly New Stork City, New Stork, Duckworld
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Cleveland, Ohio
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly Tic Tuck and Buck Cub Cartoons, Circus of Crime, All-Night Party
EDUCATION: College graduate; limited training in various martial and mystic arts

HISTORY: Howard is a rather unique case. To the citizens of Cleveland, this anthropomorphic waterfowl is nothing more than an urban legend — a legendary "duck man" frequently spotted driving a cab, littering, or defacing public property. The U.S. and local governments do not even recognize his existence, despite the fact that he once ran on a moderately successful third-party presidential ticket in the past. I first heard of his existence only because an insane man claiming to be my uncle once constructed an exoskeleton for him very similar in design to my own Iron Man armor at the time. From what limited intelligence I could gather, Howard originated on an alternate Earth inhabited exclusively by anthropomorphic animals. When the demon Thog attempted to merge all realities, Howard was inadvertently sent to our Earth after the Nexus of Realities was disrupted. Howard teamed-up with Man-Thing, Dakimh the Enchanter, and Jennnifer Kale to oppose Thog, but Howard fell into the interdimensional void and was deposited back on our Earth (specifically Cleveland, Ohio). Since then, he has had an assortment of surreal adventures, often accompanied by his girlfriend-sidekick Beverly Switzler.

After the passage of the SHRA, Howard and Switzler attempted to register as superhuman at the Federal Government Building of Cleveland, where S.H.I.E.L.D. was collaborating with federal employees in the registration effort. However, the S.H.I.E.L.D. Regional Director of Supernormal Affairs for Ohio, who was tired of dealing with reports of "duck man" sightings for years, informed Howard that S.H.I.E.L.D. would not recognize his existence for SHRA enforcement purposes. I wholeheartedly agree with the Regional Director's decision. Although undisputedly not human, Howard the Duck is hardly the type of "walking weapon of mass destruction" that Congress sought to regulate when it passed the SHRA.

HEIGHT: 2'7"
WEIGHT: 40 lbs.
EYES: Brown
FEATHERS: Yellow

POWER & ABILITIES: Although Howard's physiology is far closer to that of a duck than a human, there is no indication that he possesses any superhuman powers (he can neither swim nor fly, despite his feathers and webbed feet). He is a formidable hand-to-hand combatant for his size, having mastered the martial art of "Quak Fu," a technique he apparently learned from the obscure mystic Master C'hang.

HULK

REAL NAME: Robert Bruce Banner
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Unemployed; former nuclear physicist, adventurer, construction worker, enforcer, janitor, and various other jobs
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (science-based mutate); criminal record (previously pardoned)
PLACE OF BIRTH: Dayton, Ohio
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Unknown; formerly mobile across the United States
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Defenders, formerly the Avengers, Pantheon, Titans Three, the Order, Hulkbusters (as Banner)
EDUCATION: Ph.D. in nuclear physics (California Institute of Technology)

HISTORY: The son of an alcoholic atomic physicist, Bruce Banner grew up in constant fear of his father, and sexually witnessed his father murder his mother. Maturing into a withdrawn young man, Banner eventually earned his doctorate in nuclear physics and developed a "gamma bomb," a nuclear weapon with a high gamma radiation output. Present at the gamma bomb test site, Banner noticed that a civilian had wondered into the restricted test area; although Banner rescued the civilian, he was unable to avoid the blast and became irradiated with highly charged gamma particles, thus giving birth to the Hulk.

Although the Hulk's actions have saved the planet on numerous occasions over the years (both as an individual and as a member of the Defenders), his unpredictability and inability to control his own actions also rendered him a serious global threat. Non-profit organizations such as the Green Cross have been established just to clean up after the Hulk's devastation. After a recent Hulk rampage through Las Vegas, Nevada, several of my associates and I concluded that the Hulk was too dangerous to continue his existence on Earth. As such, using a Nick Fury Life Model Decoy (L.M.D.), we tricked the Hulk into boarding a S.H.I.E.L.D. shuttle which Mr. Fantastic preprogrammed with coordinates to a planet not inhabited by any sentient life where the Hulk could exist in peace. Unfortunately, Mr. Fantastic was recently contacted by 16-year-old genius Amadeus Cho, who presented credible evidence that Hulk did not land at his intended destination, but instead crashed on an inhabited planet in the Tayo star system of the Fornax galaxy cluster. If the Hulk should find the means to return to Earth, I assure you that S.H.I.E.L.D. and our registered government heroes will be fully prepared to use any means necessary to end any threat he poses to U.S. national security.

HEIGHT: 5'9 1/2" (up to 8' as Hulk)
WEIGHT: 128 lbs (up to 1400 lbs. as Hulk)
EYES: Brown (usually green as Hulk)
HAIR: Brown (usually green as Hulk)

POWER & ABILITIES: The Hulk possesses superhuman Class 1000 strength which increases in proportion to his anger, with a capacity for superhuman strength ranging beyond the limits of virtually any other known humanoid being. His cellular structure has been fortified by exposure to gamma radiation, granting him a high degree of resistance to physical injury, pain, and disease. He can with withstand great extremes in temperature (300°F to -190°F), great impacts (such as field artillery cannon shells), and is able to regenerate body tissue (including internal organs). Although not capable of true flight, he uses his superhumanly strong leg muscles to leap great distances (up to 3 miles in a single bound!). Banner's transformations into the Hulk are controlled by his adrenaline levels; his adrenal medulla secretes massive amounts of adrenaline in times of fear, rage, or stress, triggering the chemical-exra-physical process that transforms him into the Hulk.

THE INITIATIVE

ADMINISTRATORS: Henry Peter Gyrich, War Machine (James "Jim" Rhodes), Yellowjacket (Henry "Hank" Pym), Baron von Blitzschlag (Head Scientist)
INSTRUCTORS: Ares, Beast (Henry "Hank" McCoy), Black Widow (Natasha Romanova), Gauntlet (identity classified), Hellcat (Patsy Walker), Justice (Vance Astrovik), Ms. Marvel (Carol Danvers), Danielle Moonstar, Nighthawk (Kyle Richmond), She-Hulk (Jennifer Walters), Tigra (Greer Nelson), Wonder Man (Simon Williams)
TRAINEES: Armory, Batgirl, Cloud 9, Constrictor, Gargoyle, Hardball, Komodo, MVP, Alex Power, Puma, Rage, Rocket Racer, Shooting Star, Slapstick, Thor Girl, Trauma, Triathlon, Ultra Girl, the Young Avengers, others
PURPOSE: Training program to mold America's superhuman community into an elite unit of combat ready first responders
MODUS OPERANDI: Recruits are trained on base and eventually cleared for missions
HEADQUARTERS: Camp Hammond, Stamford, Connecticut
MAJOR FUNDING: United States government/S.H.I.E.L.D.

HISTORY: One of our primary goals of the Superhuman Registration Act is the Fifty State Initiative, a program that would deploy superhuman law-enforcement agents across the United States, cooperating with state and local authorities as federal law enforcement officials. In the days and weeks following the passage of the Registration Act, we did not have the number of superhuman operatives needed to properly implement the program. Thus, our first training programs were established with Ms. Marvel (Carol Danvers) and Wonder Man (Simon Williams) acting as the first trainers.

Now that Captain America is no longer an issue and his once-organized superhuman resistance movement has devolved into a few scattered factions of underground dissidents, we have been able to focus on our original goal of training our nation's superhuman community into an elite unit of first responders. The Fifty State Initiative Training Program is based at the Camp Hammond military base in Stamford, Connecticut. The Initiative will see that those superhumans inexperienced in the use of their powers and abilities (regardless of age) are adequately trained by our finest super heroes in a boot-camp-like setting. Henry Peter Gyrich serves as the C.S.A. overseer of the operation. Although Gyrich and I don't see eye-to-eye on several issues regarding superhuman powers, the program will also be run by my close friend War Machine and Yellowjacket, an enthusiastic supporter of the program who sees the Initiative as the logical extension of our original Avengers Charter. We have some of the world's most respected superhumans serving as instructors on our staff, including several members of my recently formed Avengers team. The young hero known as Justice serves as our peer counselor, motivated to prevent our trainees from repeating the lethal mistakes made by his former friends in the New Warriors.

I truly believe the Initiative will be instrumental in apprehending the remaining superhuman fugitives as well as protecting our nation and the planet from threats of every nature.

IRON FIST

REAL NAME: Daniel Thomas Rand-K'ai
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Adventurer (e.g. unlicensed super hero); CEO of Rand-Meachum Inc.; former bodyguard, private investigator, research assistant, warrior of K'un-Lun
CITIZENSHIP: United States, K'un-Lun
LEGAL STATUS: Unregistered Superhuman; status determination awaiting legal decision
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Rand-Meachum Inc. Headquarters, New York City, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: "Avengers" team; formerly Heroes for Hire, Secret Defenders, Hero for Hire Inc.
EDUCATION: High school (K'un-Lun equivalent)

HISTORY: Orphaned at the age of nine, Daniel Rand was raised to adulthood in the extradimensional city of K'un-Lun, where he studied martial arts under Lei-Kung the Thunderer. At nineteen, he slew the dragon Shou-Lao and received mystic energy from its disembodied heart, earning the title of Iron Fist, under which name he returned to the outside world. After adventures alongside the Sons of the Tiger, Shang-Chi, Spider-Man, and others, he became partners with Luke Cage in Hero for Hire, Inc. Later, he was abducted by K'un-Lun's enemies, the Hydrans, and temporarily believed dead, but he returned months later, eventually rebuilding a larger but short-lived version of Heroes for Hire. Following this team's disbandment, he retreated into relative obscurity, maintaining contact with his super-hero allies but seldom venturing into action alone.

According to unverified reports, when Matt Murdock was imprisoned pending trial for his activities as Daredevil, Fist was hired to fight crime while impersonating Daredevil himself, hoping to spread reasonable doubt as to whether or not allegations against Murdock were true. The Daredevil impostor, whoever he was, joined Captain America's Secret Avengers following the passage of the SHRA, continuing the masquerade after Murdock escaped prison. The Daredevil impostor — "Daredevil 2.0," as some dubbed him — was imprisoned while still posing as Daredevil, but he escaped following Captain America's surrender and apparently vanished from the public eye as abruptly as he entered it. In contrast, Daniel Rand has resurfaced, and although his Iron Fist career is common knowledge, he remains unregistered. Despite some temptation to leave him undisturbed if he has retired his costumed identity, Rand's claims that reports of Iron Fist in action with Cage and his so-called "Avengers" are attributable to a second impostor — "Iron Fist 2.0," I suppose we'd have to call him — strike me as unconvincing, to say the least.

HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT: 175 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Blond

POWER & ABILITIES: Iron Fist is an exceptional athlete, acrobat, and hand-to-hand combatant. He is also skilled in the use of martial arts weaponry. He can channel his spiritual energy to magnify his physical abilities or focus it into his hand to create a superhumanly strong "iron fist" effect.

IRON MAN

REAL NAME: Anthony Edward "Tony" Stark
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Inventor, industrialist, Director of S.H.I.E.L.D., CEO of Stark Enterprises; licensed super hero; former U.S. Secretary of Defense
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (science-based mutate/cyborg)
PLACE OF BIRTH: Long Island, New York
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Stark Enterprises Headquarters, Manhattan, New York; S.H.I.E.L.D. Helicarrier
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Avengers, S.H.I.E.L.D.; formerly Force Works
EDUCATION: Advanced degrees in electrical engineering

HISTORY: The son of Howard and Maria Stark, heads of the successful Stark Industries, I inherited their business conglomerate, acting as chief executive officer by day and wealthy socialite by night, after their untimely deaths in a tragic automobile accident. When I traveled abroad to personally inspect some of my overseas factories, rebels allied with the villain Mandarin attacked my party, causing a piece of shrapnel to become lodged in my chest, dangerously close to my heart. While in captivity, I constructed a makeshift chest plate to keep my heart pumping, and constructed additional armor around it to defeat my rebel captors. I returned to the U.S. as Iron Man, posing as my own armored bodyguard. I founded the Avengers in addition to embarking upon a successful solo career in super heroics. After revealing my dual identity to the public, I briefly served as Secretary of Defense, dedicating myself to developing safer equipment for soldiers.

After the Stamford Incident, I realized that the American public would no longer stand for unaccountable superhumans engaging in unauthorized, unregulated vigilante activity. When I saw that passage of the SHRA was inevitable, I decided to commit myself fully to embracing and enforcing its provisions; otherwise the government might have appointed someone far less sympathetic to super heroes to serve in my capacity. Working with S.H.I.E.L.D., my allies and I immediately set out to persuade other superhumans to register, and to apprehend those who refused. Now that Captain America's resistance movement has been rendered moot, I have been selected by the S.H.I.E.L.D. member nations to serve as the organization's new Director, and I plan to use my position to ensure that the SHRA and Fifty State Initiative succeeds.

HEIGHT: 6'1", (with armor) 6'6"
WEIGHT: 185 lbs., (with armor) 425 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Black

POWER & ABILITIES: I possess several advanced degrees in electrical engineering and have been responsible for several technological breakthroughs in the past decade. Very recently, my armor merged into my body and integrated with my biological systems after ingesting the Extremis nano-organic virus. As a result, my armor can now be stored in the hollows of my bones and controlled directly via brain impulses (the armor's operating system has merged with my own central nervous system). I can also remotely access and control external communications systems, including satellites and computer terminals. It is still unknown if these recent changes to my physiology are permanent or temporary.

PARAPHERNALIA: The Iron Man armor contains a powered exoskeleton which amplifies my strength to superhuman Class-90. The armor contains a small arsenal of offensive weaponry, including repulsor rays (particle beams); uni-beam (includes visible light, infrared, ultraviolet, tractor, laser & ionic inducer); pulse boots (plasma discharges); energy shield (laser absorption grid); electromagnetic pulse (energy-dampening field); and a targeting computer. The armor's boots and jetpack contain electric-powered turbines for supersonic flight. Other models include the Deep Submergence Model and Stealth Model.

KINGPIN

REAL NAME: Wilson Grant Fisk
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Criminal organizer and racketeer; former president and owner of legitimate businesses
CITIZENSHIP: United States of America
LEGAL STATUS: SHRA status under review (occasional exotic technology user); criminal record
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unknown
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Ryker's Island Prison; formerly Fisk Towers, New York City, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Former member of Las Vegas Hydra faction; leader of a coalition of East Coast non-Maggia criminal organizations; former head of Fujikawa Industries
EDUCATION: Self-educated to college level in political science

HISTORY: The descendant of Russian businessman Anatoly Fyskov, Wilson Fisk grew up as an impoverished and bullied child who relentlessly trained his mind and body in hopes of one day building an underworld power base. By the age of 17, his use of administrative techniques to organize his growing gang of criminals earned him the nickname "Kingpin of Crime." Investing his ill-gotten gains in legitimate businesses, he masked his expanding criminal operation with a vast business empire, eventually usurping the power of other New York City crime bosses to become the city's undisputed Kingpin. After years on top, Fisk was implicated in criminal wrongdoing by Daredevil (Matt Murdock) and District Attorney Katherine Malper while his physical assets were destroyed by Hydra. Kingpin temporarily relocated to Japan and Europe before eventually returning to New York to regain his former prominence in the underworld.

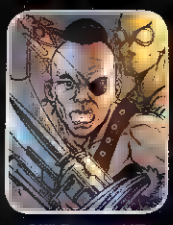
After a recent defeat by Daredevil, Fisk found himself in Ryker's Island Prison. At the prompting of former S.H.I.E.L.D. Director Maria Hill, I met with Fisk at Ryker's after he offered to use his criminal contacts to help round-up unregistered heroes. We placed him in protective custody as he supplied us with fruitful leads on the Black Crow (Jesse Black Crow), D-Man (Dennis Murphy), Cloak (Tyrone Johnson), and Dagger (Tandy Bowen). Meanwhile rival crimelord Hammerhead, who was attempting to organize a super-villain resistance to Registration, put out a contract on Fisk's head for his seeming cooperation with us. In the end, it turned out that Fisk was in league with Captain America, as he provided us with bad intelligence on Captain America's whereabouts which led us to a violent confrontation with Hammerhead's super-villain resistance movement. We had Fisk's release papers ready to sign, but he gave up his chance at freedom in order to get us to eliminate his enemies for him.

HEIGHT: 6'7"
WEIGHT: 450 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Bald

POWER & ABILITIES: Although he possesses no superhuman powers, the Kingpin's enormous bulk is composed almost entirely out of muscle, which provides him with peak human strength and durability. He is a highly-skilled hand-to-hand combatant and specializes in several martial arts, most notably sumo wrestling. The Kingpin is a criminal genius and a highly skilled organizer and planner. Even when in prison, he commands an army of henchmen on the outside who remain fiercely loyal to him.

PARAPHERNALIA: The Kingpin's walking stick ("obliterator cane") contains a laser weapon that fires a short pulse of 300 watts (enough to vaporize small firearms) as well as a delivery system capable of firing a concentrated spray of sleeping gas.

KOGAR & SHADOW SLASHER



REAL NAME: Li-Fong Kai & Xi-Shan Hao
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to Chinese and S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: International terrorists, (Kogar) smuggler; gang leader; (Shadow Slasher) assassin
CITIZENSHIP: Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violators; ((Kogar) cyborg; (Shadow Slasher) combatant/weapon-user [classification under review]); in custody, international criminal records
PLACES OF BIRTH: (Kogar) Soko Islands, Islands District, Hong Kong; (Shadow Slasher) Yau Tong, Kwun Tong District, Hong Kong
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Hong Kong; South China Sea; Chinatown, New York City
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Various Hong Kong area criminal organizations
EDUCATION: Unknown

HISTORY: Kogar and Shadow Slasher are two of Hong Kong's most notorious criminals. Kogar, head of one of Hong Kong's largest smuggling operations, was at one time affiliated with the Cat (Shen Kuei), until he killed Shen Kuei's brother. While attempting to smuggle plans for a neutron bomb, Kogar hired Shang-Chi and an undercover British agent by the name of "Black Jack" Tarr to serve in his organization, but with the help of the Cat, Shang-Chi and Tarr turned on Kogar and destroyed his headquarters. While Kogar was in prison, Shadow Slasher, one of Hong Kong's most feared assassins, challenged Shang-Chi to several battles, determined to prove that he was Shang-Chi's physical superior. Shang-Chi defeated Shadow Slasher on each occasion, eventually leaving him in police custody.

Charged as international terrorists, Kogar and Shadow Slasher remained in S.H.I.E.L.D. custody until staging an escape shortly before the enactment of the Superhuman Registration Act, after which they met with super-spy Vienna in New York City to receive new identities, forged credentials, and transportation outside the United States. Not realizing Vienna was setting them up for a sting operation, Kogar and Shadow Slasher, along with the other super-villains duped by Vienna, were defeated by the government-sponsored Heroes for Hire team and charged with violating the Superhuman Registration Act before being transferred to Negative Zone Prison Alpha.

HEIGHT: (Kogar) 5'11", (Slasher) 6'1"
WEIGHT: (Kogar) 230 lbs.; (Slasher) 185 lbs.
EYES: (Kogar) Brown; (Slasher) Brown
HAIR: (Kogar) Black; (Slasher) Black (shaved bald)

POWER & ABILITIES: Neither possesses inherent superhuman powers. Kogar is a well-practiced in the martial arts, most notably kung fu. Shadow Slasher is a martial arts master who excels in multiple forms of armed and unarmed combat, including kung fu, karate, and the kobudo weapon arts.

PARAPHERNALIA: Kogar's left hand has been replaced with a multi-functional mechanical device which can be used as a blunt striking weapon and can also transform into a bladed weapon or a powerful blaster. Shadow Slasher carries a small arsenal of traditional Chinese and Japanese weapons on his person, including (but not limited to) nunchaku, tekko, tonfa, and sai.

LECTRONN

REAL NAME: Thomas "Tommy" Samuels
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Adventurer (e.g. unlicensed superhero); former high school English teacher
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (science-based mutate)
PLACE OF BIRTH: El Centro, California
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Mobile
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: None
EDUCATION: English teacher certification

HISTORY: Crippled by a mutant strain of polio, Tom Samuels regained mobility as the super hero Lectronn after receiving superhuman power from a traveling extraterrestrial. Initially active in his native California, rescuing bystanders during a clash between It the Living Colossus and invading Stonians, he eventually relocated to New York, where he was active for many years. He almost attended Dollar Bill's "Defenders for a Day" event but was diverted when he helped Crimebuster (Frank Moore) and Jamin the Golden Angel rescue bystanders from the mystic debris of a cosmic crisis called "Star Wasagh." Perhaps his most public exploit was when he fought the Schizoid Man to a standstill over New York for nearly three hours. However, when the Avengers and X-Men's ranks were decimated by the Masters of Evil and the Marauders, respectively, Lectronn (his confidence undermined by these defeats) retired his costumed identity and married his long-time crush, entertainer Amy Jo Bessolo. Moving to Pennsylvania, Tom and Amy Jo subsequently had twin boys, Rider and Martin, and Tom formally adopted Nathan, Amy Jo's son from an earlier relationship.

Years later, while Tom and Amy Jo were in Ireland on a second honeymoon, techno-organic creatures called Vi-Locks wrought havoc during the worldwide crisis caused by the otherdimensional scientist known as Yandroth. Despite efforts by Ireland's super-team the Kinsmen, a few people, including Amy Jo, were transformed into Vi-Locks themselves and vanished with the originals when Yandroth's spell was nullified. Unable to help during the battle because he was so out of practice in using his powers, the grief-stricken Tom re-trained himself for super heroics and took to traveling the world, seeking both knowledge to rescue Amy Jo and potential crises where he could redeem his self-perceived failure. He recently chanced to be in New York and, while consulting with a few local super heroes, was apprehended along with them for refusal to comply with the SHRA, only to escape following Captain America's mass breakout and battle our pro-Registration forces in the final battle in Midtown Manhattan. Lectronn has not been seen since Captain America surrendered to federal authorities. It is unknown whether he survived the final battle.

HEIGHT: 5'9"
WEIGHT: 189 lbs.
EYES: Green
HAIR: White

POWER & ABILITIES: Lectronn possesses "atomic-powered" superhuman Class 10 strength, the power of flight via the alteration of his molecular structure, and the ability to fire destructive electron blasts from his hands.

PARAPHERNALIA: Lectronn's costume was originally composed of lead micro-fibers to protect his body from his own atomic-powered abilities; however, he has since learned that his body is immune to any ill-effects of his powers.

LIGHTBRIGHT

REAL NAME: Obax Majid
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to Somali and S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Mercenary warrior
CITIZENSHIP: Somalia
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (mutant); in custody; criminal status in Somalia
PLACE OF BIRTH: Berbera, Woqooyi Galbeed, Somalia
BASE OF OPERATIONS: New York City, New York; formerly Mogadishu, Somalia
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly Silver Sable's Intruders; the Bio-Genes
EDUCATION: Secondary school

HISTORY: Born and raised in Somalia, the mutant Lightbright became involved with the Bio-Genes, a faction of Somali mutant rebels led by the egotism-manipulating Leecher. Dedicated to purging all United States influence from their nation and seizing control of the government, the Bio-Genes attacked a U.S. Marine compound 10 miles outside Mogadishu where they were confronted by the Wild Pack, a professional soldier unit led by Silver Sable (under the auspices of Silver Sable International) which was hired by the U.S. government to ensure that food and medicine made it to their destinations safely. The battle was interrupted by Baron Wolfgang von Strucker and his Hydra forces, who sought to conquer the nation in the name of Somalia's southern warlords. The Bio-Genes and Wild Pack joined forces to oppose Strucker, and during the course of the battle Lightbright's life was saved by Battlestar (Lemar Hoskins), who served with Silver Sable's forces at the time. Upon the Wild Pack's return to the U.S., Battlestar invited Lightbright to join him at the Symkarian Embassy in New York City. In New York, she began a romantic relationship with Battlestar and joined the Intruders, an elite offshoot of the Wild Pack. With the Intruders, she traveled to Bosnia to oppose Genesis Coalition members who were posing as Hydra agents. She served with the Intruders until Silver Sable decided to return her base of operations to Symkaria.

After the passage of the SHRA, Lightbright was one of the many superhumans who opposed registration. Given her relationship with Battlestar, I can't say I was surprised. Spider-Man (Peter Parker) and I defeated Lightbright and several other unregistered heroes when NYPD officers had them cornered in Manhattan, and she was subsequently transported to Negative Zone Prison Alpha. She was among the prisoners who escaped when Captain America's Secret Avengers resistance movement orchestrated a mass break-out and battled against our government-backed superhumans during the final major battle in Midtown Manhattan.

HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 129 lbs.
HAIR: Black
EYES: Brown

POWER & ABILITIES: Lightbright possesses the mutant power to generate luminous light and/or intense heat from her body. She can utilize her light and heat energy for various attacks, including projection of powerful energy blasts and flight. She can also project a calming glow that fills those it touches with bliss. It is unknown whether she possesses control over light and heat energy not of her own generation.

LIVING MUMMY

REAL NAME: N'Kantu
DUAL IDENTITY: No dual identity
OCCUPATION: Wanderer; former S.H.I.E.L.D. agent, warrior, Swarili chieftain-king, slave
CITIZENSHIP: Swarili tribe
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman [qualified based on prior government employment] (undead, mummy); wanted as accessory to anti-registration activities; in custody; otherwise no criminal record
PLACE OF BIRTH: Swarili Nation, Northern Africa
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Gaza Strip, Egypt; formerly Northern Africa (modern-day Egypt)
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly S.H.I.E.L.D. (Howling Commandos), Shock Troop
EDUCATION: S.H.I.E.L.D. covert operations training

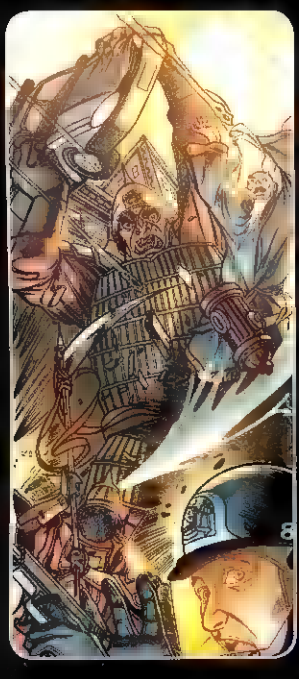
HISTORY: Born in Northern Africa over 3000 years ago, N'Kantu was destined to succeed his father as Chieftan-king of the now-extinct Swarili tribe. But the Egyptians abducted and enslaved N'Kantu and his tribe, forcing them to serve Pharaoh Aram-Set and his High Priest Nephrus. N'Kantu led his people in a revolt in which Aram-Set was killed, but Nephrus injected N'Kantu with an unknown embalming fluid which paralyzed him. N'Kantu's mummified body was entombed for millennia until he eventually awoke in modern times, rampaging through Cairo, Egypt in search of a descendant of Nephrus before becoming a worldwide wanderer.

Now known as the "Living Mummy," N'Kantu was one of many monsters and paranormals recruited into S.H.I.E.L.D.'s Howling Commandos unit, a supernatural strikeforce conceived by S.H.I.E.L.D. Deputy Director Timothy "Dum Dum" Dugan to terrify enemy combatants into submission. Unfortunately, although the Howling Commandos experienced a few initial successes, the members (often recruited against their will) were for the most part undependable. The Living Mummy, in particular, viewed his service as a form of slavery and soon rebelled (Gorilla-Man (Ken Hale) is another prominent member who also recently betrayed the organization). The Living Mummy was eventually recaptured by S.H.I.E.L.D. Superhuman Restraint Units and transferred to Negative Zone Prison Alpha, where he was kept in a specially-designed cell that capitalized upon his vulnerability to fire to ensure he did not escape. He was among the prisoners who escaped when Captain America's Secret Avengers resistance movement orchestrated a mass break-out and battled against our government-backed superhumans during the final major battle in Midtown Manhattan.

HEIGHT: 7'6" **WEIGHT:** 650 lbs
EYES: Brown **HAIR:** None (formerly black)

POWER & ABILITIES: A transfusion of an unknown embalming fluid by the Egyptian High Priest Nephrus imbued the Living Mummy with superhuman Class 10 strength, enhanced stamina, and superhuman durability. He possesses the combat skills of the Swarili warrior class (some of which are enhanced by his mummified state), although he is now very slow moving in his mummified state. He possesses virtual immortality and lacks a need for food and water, although he is highly susceptible to fire. However, he is extremely sensitive to any dehydrative process which interferes with the preservative fluid in his veins. He has only recently learned to speak English.

MANDARIN'S AVATARS



MEMBERS: Ancestor, Butterfly, Deluge, Foundry, Lich, Old Woman, O'Wake, Sickle, Turmoil, Warfist
PURPOSE: (Currently) Unknown; (originally) to serve the Mandarin
MODUS OPERANDI: Team is sent on missions by Temujin to complete objectives too difficult for human agents
HEADQUARTERS: (Currently) Unknown; (originally) Mandarin's Palace, Hubei District, China
MAJOR FUNDING: Unknown

HISTORY: Although their real names and origins remain a mystery (though their powers are apparently mystic in nature), the Avatars are presumed to be super-powered Chinese nationals who fell into the service of my nemesis, the megalomaniacal Mandarin. The group's field leader, Butterfly, prefaces a "curse shadow" that causes bad luck to befall any who are enveloped by it. Ancestor draws on the power of his ancestors to increase his size and strength to superhuman levels. Deluge possesses a liquid body and the ability to control most liquids. The powerful Foundry shoots heat blasts from his eyes and can morph his hands into various weapons. Lich, a former diplomatic assistant, is skeletal in appearance and possesses razor-sharp claws and superhuman strength. Old Woman is an "elemental sculptress" who channels energies through her staff to reshape the four basic elements. The monstrous O'Wake possesses the ability to create seismic tremors. Sickle wields a mystic scythe, while Turmoil is a mere peasant who was transformed into a living incarnation of the storm. Finally, Warfist, who wields a spiked club in battle, possesses superhuman strength and excellent martial arts skills. The Avatars loyally served the Mandarin until his apparent demise in the explosion of his "Dragon of Heaven" aircraft. Afterward, they eventually fell into the service of Temujin, the Mandarin's son and the inheritor of his legacy. Like Temujin himself, the current objectives of the Avatars remain a mystery.

Shortly after enactment of the SHRA, a coalition of F.B.I. agents and N.Y.P.D. riot squad officers cornered the Avatars in Manhattan. With all S.H.I.E.L.D. Superhuman Restraint Units deployed elsewhere, the F.B.I. and N.Y.P.D. stood little chance against the power of the Avatars as the confrontation deteriorated into a destructive battle in Manhattan's streets. Fortunately, the recently-deputized government bounty-hunters known as Heroes for Hire arrived and quickly incapacitated the Avatars, enabling local law enforcement officials to imprison them and prepare them for transport to Negative Zone Prison Alpha.

THE MIGHTY AVENGERS

MEMBERS: Ant-Iron Man (Anthony "Tony" Stark), Ms. Marvel (Carol Danvers, team leader), Sentry (Robert "Bob" Reynolds), Wasp (Janet Van Dyne), Wonder Man (Simon Williams)
PURPOSE: To serve as symbols and icons of the superhuman community.
MODUS OPERANDI: Team responds to crisis alerts worldwide from New York City headquarters.
HEADQUARTERS: Stark Tower, New York City, New York
MAJOR FUNDING: Maria Stark Foundation; S.H.I.E.L.D.; U.S. government

HISTORY: We first founded the Avengers over a decade ago to fight the foes which no single hero could withstand alone. Over the years, the Avengers have become the most prestigious and powerful super-hero team in the world. That is as true today as it was years ago. Some have questioned the need for an Avengers team when we have registered super heroes working for the federal government in nearly all 50 states; to them, I say that the Avengers will always be needed to set the standards which all other super heroes strive to achieve.

The only difference now is that, whereas the roster of the Avengers has historically been left to chance in the past, the current roster has been handpicked by team leader Ms. Marvel and myself. Ms. Marvel, caught in the explosion of a Kree Psyche-Magnetron which transformed her into a hybrid of human and Kree genetics, was hired by me to serve as team leader due to her military experience as a former Major in the U.S. Air Force and familiarity with government bureaucrats as a former employee of the C.I.A., N.A.S.A., Department of Homeland Security, and the C.S.A. We convinced the Greek god of war Ares, who was secretly working in construction in Dover, New Jersey, to register and work with us, or else have his civilian cover exposed and face deportation back to Olympus; his godly power and no-holds-barred fighting tactics should prove useful in emergency situations. Ex-K.G.B. operative Black Widow was selected for her expertise in covert operations, extensive combat experience, and peak physical conditioning. I insisted that Sentry be included due to his unrivaled power levels (and the fact that his Watchtower is located directly above Stark Tower), although Ms. Marvel objected because of her concerns about his mental instability. Wasp was chosen due to her dependability and long, distinguished service to previous incarnations of the team; plus, her size-changing powers are ideal for covert missions. Finally, Wonder Man was chosen for his formidable power levels and photogenic qualities, not to mention his distinguished service to the Avengers in the past.

Our first order of business is to locate and capture the alliance of unregistered superhuman fugitives who are also purporting to be "Avengers." Although Ms. Marvel is a bit apprehensive about hunting down our former friends, it is a job that must be done for the good of the nation, no matter how emotionally painful it is on a personal level.

MOON KNIGHT

REAL NAME: Marc Spector
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Vigilante (e.g. unlicensed super hero using excessive force); entrepreneur; former boxer, U.S. Marine commando, C.I.A. liaison, mercenary, cab driver
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act status disputed (undate status undetermined); under surveillance
PLACE OF BIRTH: Chicago, Illinois
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Spector Mansion, Long Island, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly Avengers West Coast, "Marvel Knights," the Committee, C.I.A., U.S. Marines
EDUCATION: High school graduate, extensive C.I.A. training

HISTORY: The son of a rabbi whose family had fled from Europe in the 1930s to avoid Nazi persecution, Marc Spector rejected his father's morality in favor of materialism upon reaching adulthood. After brief careers as a heavyweight boxer, U.S. Marine, and C.I.A. operative, Spector became a mercenary in league with terrorist Raoul Bushman. When Spector opposed Bushman's savage assault on the town of Selima, Sudan, Bushman defeated him and left him in the desert to die. Pronounced dead, Spector was placed at the foot of a statute of the Emeend moon god Khonshu where he spontaneously came back to life. Believing that he had been revived by Khonshu to serve as the moon's knight of vengeance, Spector donned a white cloak adorning Khonshu's statue and waged a war on crime as Moon Knight. He served briefly as a member of the West Coast Avengers, but quit and burnt his membership card long ago.

Following the enactment of the SHRA, Captain America paid a visit to Moon Knight, who had just recovered from a life-threatening injury. Believing that Rogers was there to recruit him into his underground resistance movement, Moon Knight rejected him, as the Civil War was nothing more than a contest of egos to him. But Captain America merely informed Moon Knight that he did not approve of his tactics and warned him to cease his vigilante activities. Since then, I have investigated Spector's activities myself, and found both his physiological and psychological well-being to be seriously impaired. He has suffered from multiple personality disorder in the past and his current psychological instability renders him of little use to us at this time. At this point, arrest might alter his condition for the worst, and it is my recommendation that he be kept under close surveillance.

HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 225 lbs.
EYES: Dark brown
HAIR: Brown

POWER & ABILITIES: Allegedly receiving "powers" from the Egyptian moon-god Khonshu, Moon Knight's strength allegedly increases and decreases according to the phases of the moon (being at his physical peak under a full moon), although this remains disputed. He is a skilled acrobat, gymnast, and pilot as well as an accomplished hand-to-hand combatant, trained in both boxing, various martial arts, and commando fighting tactics. He is an expert with throwing weapons.

PARAPHERNALIA: Moon Knight possesses a small arsenal of throwing weapons (many of Ancient Egyptian origin), including silver, crescent-shaped throwing darts; boomerangs graven with protective charms; sharp-pointed throwing irons; bolas; an axe-shaped lasso-grapple; and an ankh-shaped club. He uses his custom-manufactured "Moonmobile" and "Angelwing" aircraft for transportation, both equipped with 20mm cannons as well as vertical take-off and landing capabilities.

MS. MARVEL

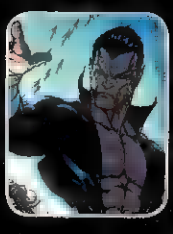
REAL NAME: Carol Susan Jane Danvers
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Licensed super hero, author; former NASA security chief, intelligence agent, magazine editor, freelance writer
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman [science-based mutate]
PLACE OF BIRTH: Boston, Massachusetts
BASE OF OPERATIONS: New York City, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Avengers; formerly Starjammers
EDUCATION: B.A., extensive training in espionage techniques

HISTORY: Following a distinguished career as an Air Force intelligence officer and an appointment as NASA's youngest chief security officer, Carol Danvers allied with the Kree hero Captain Marvel in several of his adventures on Earth. During one such battle, she was irradiated by a Psyche-Magnetron and developed superhuman powers, which she used as the heroic Ms. Marvel. Months after her induction into the Avengers, she underwent a series of personal crises, first manipulated into joining Marcus Immortus in Limbo, then robbed of her powers by the then-criminal mutant Rogue. Accompanying the X-Men into space, she was transformed by brutal Brood experimentation into the even more powerful Binary, in which identity she served with the rebellious Starjammers until her powers reloaded to their original state. Returning to Earth, she rejoined the Avengers as Warbird, then took a job with Homeland Security before returning to full-time adventuring as Ms. Marvel.

Ms. Marvel has proven to be one of the SHRA's most ardent supporters, capturing Prowler, Shroud, Arachne, and other SHRA violators as well as working to recruit and train new super heroes. Although she regrets being required to pursue and arrest friends and teammates, she truly believes registration will benefit super heroes and the general public alike. Despite reports that she may have broken security protocol by speaking to investigative reporter Sally Floyd concerning sensitive S.H.I.E.L.D. information during the height of the Civil War, I have nevertheless decided to appoint Ms. Marvel as the Avengers' field leader while I am preoccupied with my duties as Director of S.H.I.E.L.D. She has proven to be a trustworthy individual with strong ties to both the superhuman community and the federal government, qualities which are needed to lead a state-sanctioned super-team such as the Avengers. Ms. Marvel also serves as one of the instructors for the Fifty State Initiative Training Program in Stamford, Connecticut's Camp Hammond.

HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT: 124 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Blonde

POWER & ABILITIES: Under ordinary circumstances, Ms. Marvel possesses Superhuman Class 75 strength and durability, as well as the power of super-fast flight. When active as Binary, she could assume an energized form capable of using stellar energy for heat, light, energy discharge, and gravitational control, among other effects; she can temporarily regain these abilities if charged with a sufficient power source. She possesses a clairvoyant "seventh sense" to warn of approaching danger and the ability to molecularly alter her costume into conventional clothing and back again. Ms. Marvel is an exceptionally trained spy, soldier, and hand-to-hand combatant, as well as a talented writer.



NAMOR THE SUB-MARINER

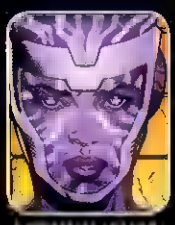
REAL NAME: Namor McKenzie
DUAL IDENTITY: No dual identity
OCCUPATION: Monarch, adventurer; former C.E.O., terrorist, warrior, commando
CITIZENSHIP: Atlantis; United States
LEGAL STATUS: Exempt as Foreign Head of State [Atlantean/human mutate]
PLACE OF BIRTH: Antarctic Atlantis
BASE OF OPERATIONS: New Pangea (current capital of Atlantis)
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: New Invaders, Avengers, Defenders, All Winners Squad, Invaders
EDUCATION: Educated by the royal tutors of the Atlantean court

HISTORY: Initially a worldwide wartime menace circa his debut in 1939, Namor, half-human scion of undersea Atlantis, became a dedicated U.S. ally as a member of the Invaders. Active off and on until 1958, he spent decades as a wandering amnesiac before being discovered by the Human Torch (Johnny Storm). Harboring both valid and misunderstood vendettas against the surface world, Namor was a frequent opponent of the Fantastic Four and many others, but he ultimately settled into a relatively heroic persona, serving honorably with the Defenders, the Avengers, and the FF itself. However, his role as Atlantis's ruler remained paramount, and his status as friend or foe frequently turns on necessity or whim.

Despite his past cooperation with me in certain circles, Namor, again devoting himself to Atlantean affairs, was unimpressed by my prescient concerns over superhuman registration, and only the death of his cousin Namorita at the hands of the super-villain Nitro (Robert Hunter) in Stamford returned his attention to the surface world. Having activated Atlantean sleeper agents across the U.S. to locate and capture Nitro (who remains in Atlantean custody to this day), Namor suspects the SHRA is but the prelude to U.S.-controlled superhuman armies exporting their ideologies to other nations, perhaps by force. He is thus poisoning international alliances to fend off any coming threat and intelligence indicates he has attempted to persuade the Black Panther (King T'Challa of Wakanda) to lead this global effort. Although preoccupied with apprehending Nitro throughout most of the Civil War, Namor joined forces with Captain America's resistance movement during our final battle against the anti-SHRA rebels in Midtown Manhattan. Namor and his countrymen have since returned to the Atlantean capital of New Pangea following Captain America's unconditional surrender to federal authorities, although we still suspect that they have left several sleeper cells behind in the U.S. (S.H.I.E.L.D. Listening & Communications stations are currently scanning the nation for any additional cells that have yet to activate). Tensions between the U.S. and Namor's Atlantis remain at an all-time high due to the Green Goblin's (Norman Osborn) attack on Atlantean Ambassador Govan and the mobilization of the Atlantean military in international waters just beyond our new seventy-mile total-exclusion zone.

HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 298 lbs.
EYES: Blue-gray
HAIR: Black

POWER & ABILITIES: Possessing a typical prolonged Atlantean lifespan, Namor possesses vast superhuman strength which fluctuates depending on the length of time he remains out of water. His extraordinary stamina and durability enables him to survive underwater pressures and the vacuum of space. His agility, reflexes, and speed are similarly heightened. He can fly, establish telepathic rapport with some forms of marine life, and alter his body to simulate the abilities of certain fish. He is an accomplished combatant, executive, and linguist.



NETWORK

REAL NAME: Valerie Martin
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Licensed super hero, cyberneticist
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (exotic technology user)
PLACE OF BIRTH: San Jose, California
BASE OF OPERATIONS: New York City, New York; formerly Clemson, South Carolina
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly, the Anti-Registration Underground
EDUCATION: Ph.D. in cybernetics and information technology (Clemson University)

HISTORY: Born in San Jose, Valerie Martin demonstrated an aptitude for cybernetics from an early age. It was while she was enrolled at Clemson University's College of Engineering and Science that she developed the hi-tech exoskeleton that allows her to access virtually any information system available. Using the suit to hack into the communications systems of local Maggia organizations and then use the information she obtained to preemptively prevent illegal transactions from taking place. Martin eventually moved to New York City where she obtained an R&D position with Cyberoptics, Inc. upon receiving her doctorate in cybernetics and information technology from Clemson.

As "Network," Martin quickly established herself as a street-level super hero and eventually became the nemesis of Hit Wheel (Jackson Wheele, prior to his reformation) and the mathematically-inclined mobster/information broker known as the Abacus (Abbas al Abbadi). After the Registration Act became law, Network refused to register and affiliated herself with an underground superhuman rebel group organized by Battlestar (Lemar Hoskins) and Typeface (Gordon Thomas), where she tried to use her powers to locate Captain America's Secret Avengers. The resistance cell allowed Alternative newspaper reporter Sally Floyd to interview them at their warehouse hideout, and led a S.H.I.E.L.D. unit to engage the rebels after tracking Ms. Floyd to their secret location. Along with her associates, Network was transported to Negative Zone Prison Alpha. She was among the prisoners who escaped when Captain America's Secret Avengers resistance movement orchestrated a mass break-out and battled against our government-backed superhumans during the final major battle in Midtown Manhattan. After Captain America's surrender to federal authorities, she was among the many super heroes who accepted the terms of our amnesty offer.

HEIGHT: 5'6"
WEIGHT: 135 lbs.
EYES: Brown
HAIR: Black

POWER & ABILITIES: Network possesses no inherent superhuman powers. She is a genius-level computer scientist and cybernetician and an accomplished computer hacker.

PARAPHERNALIA: Utilizing advanced spread-spectrum technology based on radio waves, Network's exoskeleton enables her to receive any form of electric data transmitted (even when not in the vicinity of a designated access point) and store it in a hard drive built into her headpiece (the upper limits of her data storage capacity are unknown). All information stored within the hard drive can be located and retrieved almost instantaneously. The exoskeleton's cybernetic interface allows Network to send and receive information with a mere thought. The electromagnetically-powered exoskeleton also grants her superhuman class 10 strength, invulnerability, and the ability to fly.

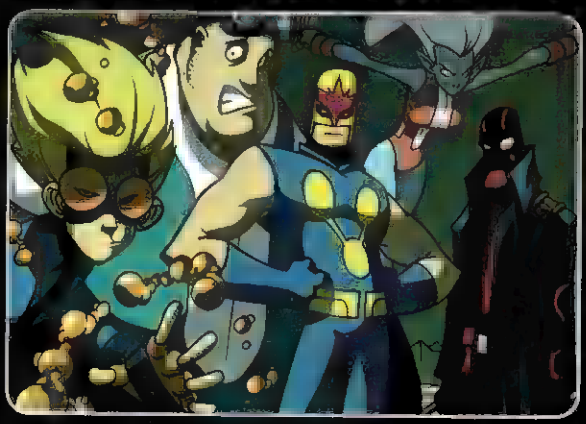
THE NEW AVENGERS

MEMBERS: Luke Cage, Dr. Strange (Stephen Strange), Iron Fist (Daniel Rand), Ronin (identity under investigation), Spider-Man (Peter Parker), Spider-Woman (Jessica Drew), Wolverine (James Howlett / Logan)
PURPOSE: To engage in unregistered superhuman vigilante activity, in violation of the SHRA
MODUS OPERANDI: Unknown
HEADQUARTERS: Presumably Dr. Strange's Sanctum Sanctorum, Greenwich Village, New York City, New York
MAJOR FUNDING: Presumably Rand-Meachum Inc.

HISTORY: Prior to the passage of the SHRA and the Civil War that followed, the Avengers team lead by Captain America and myself investigated the activities of the Silver Samurai (Kenuichio Harada), a Japanese mutant linked to the Yakuza's Clan Yashida who was handpicked by Hydra and the Hand to become the undisputed crimelord of a unified Japanese underworld. After traveling to Japan ourselves and receiving assurances from Harada that he did not plan to cooperate with Hydra or the Hand, we left behind Ronin (Maya Lopez, formerly known as Echo) to keep tabs on the Japanese underworld in our absence. But after the outbreak of the Civil War in the United States, Ronin's activities in Japan became less of a priority and we eventually lost contact as the situation in Japan deteriorated and an ideological schism divided the Avengers' loyalties here in the United States.

Now that the Civil War has ended, several of the more radical former members of the Avengers (Cage, Spider-Man, Spider-Woman, and Wolverine) have gone underground where they continue to resist registration, operating in violation of the law as an unauthorized incarnation of the Avengers team. They are joined by several other super-powered dissidents once loyal to Captain America's failed resistance movement. Dr. Strange, Earth's Sorcerer Supreme, was offered an exemption from the Registration Act, yet still assists these fugitives with his vast knowledge of the mystic arts. We believe that Iron Fist has also chosen to affiliate himself with the team, probably at the invitation of his longtime friend Luke Cage. Finally, another new member seems to have inherited the Ronin mantle, although his or her identity remains a mystery to S.H.I.E.L.D. intelligence operatives. Although we've been unable to verify our intelligence, we believe these fugitives are operating out of Dr. Strange's Sanctum Santorum in Greenwich Village, cloaked by some sort of impenetrable incantation. Several reports have recently placed these faux Avengers in Japan, almost certainly following-up on the status of Maya Lopez.

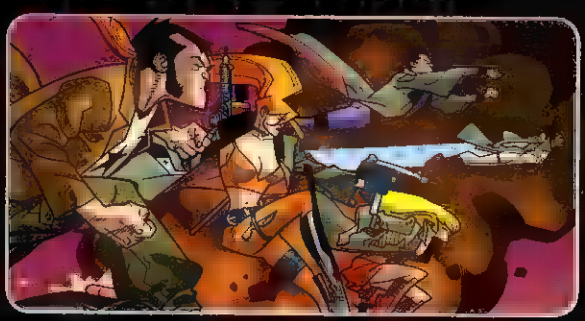
NEW WARRIORS



MEMBERS: Identities of current team members currently under investigation
PURPOSE: Unknown
MODUS OPERANDI: Unknown
HEADQUARTERS: Unknown
MAJOR FUNDING: Unknown

HISTORY: The original New Warriors were founded by Night Thrasher (Dwayne Taylor), the inheritor of Taylor Foundation who dedicated his life to battling injustice after the murder of his parents. Joined by several other youthful heroes during a battle against Kraxx the Tamer, Night Thrasher and his allies decided to remain affiliated as a team funded by the Taylor Foundation. The team remained together for an extended period, battling threats such as the Sphinx (Anath-Na Mut) and the Folding Circle, before eventually drifting apart and being officially disbanded. The Warriors continued to band together intermittently, but officially returned as a group when Night Thrasher reorganized them to star in a reality television series. It was during the taping of their infamous second season episode in Stamford, Connecticut that the New Warriors attacked a supervillain hideout, leading to the massive explosion that killed hundreds. New Warriors Microbe (Zachary Smith III), Namorita (Namorita Prentiss), and Night Thrasher were killed in the disaster. Speedball (Robert Baldwin) survived, but was imprisoned for his involvement and ultimately registered under the SHRA with the new codename "Penance." Firestar (Angelica Jones) retired from super heroics altogether and Nova (Richard Rider) was reported to be off-planet at the time, but the remaining New Warriors became social pariahs, as the public associated their name with the hundreds of innocent lives lost in Stamford. In the court case of "New Warriors v. eScape Enterprises," our own She-Hulk (Jennifer Walters) successfully shut down an online New Warriors hate site operated by former Warriors member Hindsight (Carlton LaFroyge), who was horrified by the Stamford Incident; and Walters later served as Speedball's defense attorney until the attempt on his life outside the Capitol Building. Some former members, such as Aegis (Jason Trey Rollins), attempted to strike out on their own in defiance of the SHRA. But many ex-members, such as Dagger (Tandy Bowen), Debrii (Deborah Fields), Silhouette (Silhouette Chord), and Ultra Girl (Suzanna Sherman), opted instead to join Captain America's Secret Avengers, although most have grudgingly signed on with the Fifty State Initiative since Captain America's surrender and subsequent demise. For instance, Justice (Vance Astrovik) is currently serving as a peer counselor for our superhuman recruits at the Fifty State Initiative Training Program at Camp Hammond.

NEXTWAVE
AGENTS OF H.A.T.E.



MEMBERSHIP: Elsa Bloodstone, Captain Monica Rambeau (Pulsar), Tabitha Smith (Meltdown), Aaron Stack (Machine Man)
PURPOSE: To oppose activities of S.I.L.E.N.T.
MODUS OPERANDI: Unknown
HEADQUARTERS: Mobile in the Shockwave Rider, an experimental aircraft inexhaustibly powered by multiple tesseract zones, rendering the craft far larger inside than its exterior suggests (relocation since Rider's destruction unknown)
MAJOR FUNDING: Inapplicable, to date, all of Nextwave's needs have been provided by the Shockwave Rider's resources (adaptation since Rider's destruction unknown)

HISTORY: Originally formed by H.A.T.E. (Highest Anti-Terrorism Effort) as a team of disposable super-operatives, the Nextwave Squad consists of the energy-manipulating former Avenger Monica Rambeau (a.k.a. Captain Marvel, Photon, and Pulsar), Aaron Stack (the android formerly known as Mister Machine, Machine Man, or X-51), explosive New Mutants/X-Force veteran Tabitha Smith, second-generation monster hunter Elsa Bloodstone, and the mysterious extraterrestrial-mutated powerhouse called the Captain. Recent intelligence suggests some or all Nextwave members unknowingly had their memories and/or personalities altered by their new employers. Prior to their first mission, Smith discovered H.A.T.E. was a subsidiary of the Beyond Corporation, itself a remade version of the terrorist organization S.I.L.E.N.T., whose plant-robot hybrids from Human Resources intended to test Unusual Weapons of Mass Destruction (UWMDs) throughout the United States, with H.A.T.E. only pretending to oppose their activities while actually evaluating their effects. The five Nextwave members absconded in the Shockwave Rider to track down and destroy the UWMDs, with H.A.T.E.'s director, the ninety-year-old lunatic Dirk Anger, in pursuit. Following the stolen plans, Nextwave battled an apparent duplicate of Fin Fang Foom in North Dakota, an Ultra Samurai in Illinois, Anger's Assault Pterosuit Flock and other H.A.T.E. weaponry in Wyoming, and the Mindless Ones of Ruckamuu in Colorado. The team's activities ultimately drew the attention of S.I.L.E.N.T.'s leader Number None, whose knowledge of the stolen plans enabled him to lure the team to a floating city, where they faced over a dozen superhuman opponents in an ultimate showdown with their mysterious former benefactors.

Rambeau and Stack joined Captain America's Secret Avengers following Goliath's death, setting their vendetta against the Beyond Corporation aside to assist longtime associates from the world of more straightforward heroics that they left behind. It was Rambeau's mastery of the electromagnetic spectrum (coupled with Black Panther's scientific expertise) that allowed the Secret Avengers to access Negative Zone Prison Alpha via our portal within Roker's Island prison, culminating in the break-out of several SHRA violators.

OMEGA FLIGHT

MEMBERS: Arachne (Julia Carpenter) Beta-Ray Bill (Storm-Walker), Guardian (Michael Pointer), Sasquatch (Walter Langkowski), Talisman (Elizabeth Twoyoungmen) U.S. Agent (John F. Walker)
HEADQUARTERS: C.S.I.S. National Headquarters Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
MAJOR FUNDING: Canadian government / S.H.I.E.L.D.

HISTORY: Inspired by the Fantastic Four, Canadian engineer James MacDonald Hudson, Jr. created Alpha Flight to be a super-team dedicated to defending Canadian interests. Under the authority of Department H, the research and development arm of Canada's Ministry of Defense, Guardian eventually launched Alpha Flight with himself serving as the team's leader. Guardian, after Wolverine quit the team to join the X-Men in the United States. Although Alpha Flight's roster and mission statement evolved over the years, the team remained dedicated to protecting Canada from any and all dangers. Unfortunately, when postal worker Michael Pointer became possessed by the sentient collection of mutant energy known as the Collective in North Pole, Alaska and proceeded to rampage through the Canadian tundra, many of Alpha Flight's members attempted to confront him, few survived.

With the majority of Alpha Flight gone, the Canadian government no longer possessed the assets needed to deal with the hordes of American superhumans flooding their borders after the passage of the U.S. Superhuman Registration Act. Desiring to keep the Canadian economy stable, S.H.I.E.L.D. and the U.S. government decided to assist in securing Canada's borders. To that end, the new Omega Flight program was formed. One of the few survivors of the original Alpha Flight, brilliant biophysicist Sasquatch can transform into the form of his namesake. Beta-Ray Bill is an extraterrestrial Korbinite bonded to a human host who wields a Hammer bestowed upon him by Odin of the Asgardian gods. The current Guardian is Michael Pointer, the man responsible for the deaths of the original Alpha Flight who is attempting to atone for his sins by carrying on Canada's super-hero tradition. Able to control aspects of the Spirit World, the mystical Talisman is the daughter of Shaman of the original Alpha Flight. The ultra-patriotic U.S. Agent serves as the United States liaison to the team. Based out of the Canadian Secret Intelligence Service's National Headquarters in Ottawa, Ontario, the team is managed by C.S.I.S. Agent Jeff Brown.

O*N*E
(OFFICE OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY)

EMPLOYEES: Dr. Valerie Cooper (Director), James Rhodes (Sentinel Squad Combat Instructor), Colonel Miguel Reyes (Xavier Institute Assignment Coordinator), General Demetrius Lazer (former Director, deceased)
HEADQUARTERS: O*N*E Headquarters, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia
MAJOR FUNDING: U.S. government

HISTORY: The brainchild of Presidential Advisor on Mutant Affairs and Commission of Superhuman Activities Chairperson Dr. Valerie Cooper, the Office of National Emergency (O*N*E), as you know, was established by your own Executive Order 13361 and intended to deter and engage in combat against superhuman threats, particularly those posed by mutants. To accomplish this, Dr. Cooper proposed that Sentinel robots be used as government tools; but, well-aware of the many historic shortcomings of Sentinel artificial intelligence programs, she suggested that the Sentinels be operated by human pilots. As a leader in the fields of hi-tech exoskeletons and cybernetic interfaces, my own Stark Industries was commissioned to retrofit the old Sentinel designs into piloted suits of armor. As a condition of my participation, I insisted that my trusted friend James Rhodes be appointed as the Combat Instructor for the Sentinel Squad O*N*E (S.S.O) training program. Unfortunately, career military man General Demetrius Lazer, a man who had exhibited open hostility toward mutants, was your first choice to serve as the first Director of the O*N*E, rather than someone more sympathetic to mutant suffering such as Dr. Cooper. Upon the depowering of nearly 90% of the world's mutants on M-Day, the Sentinel Squad was deployed to the Xavier Institute for Higher Learning in Westchester County, New York (where many of the remaining mutants had sought refuge) under the command of Colonel Miguel Reyes with orders to protect the remaining mutants by not allowing them to leave the Institute's grounds. Shortly after M-Day, General Lazer led a mission to Genosha where he seized the Inhumans' sacred Terrigen Crystals (which had been stolen from the Inhuman city of Attilan and brought to Genosha by Quicksilver (Pietro Maximoff)) in the name of U.S. security. Refusing the Inhuman royal family's request to return the crystals, Lazer sparked a cold war with the Inhuman nation that escalated rapidly.

During the height of the Civil War, nearly half of the mutant refugees (known as the 198) escaped the protection of the Xavier Institute and were tracked by a O*N*E coalition led by the X-Man Bishop (Lucas Bishop) to an abandoned S.H.I.E.L.D. bunker in the Nevada desert. During the course of the hostile confrontation, Cooper was prepared to grant the escaped mutants amnesty, which was jeopardized by Lazer, who wanted to take the confrontation between O*N*E and the mutants public (a confrontation which Lazer orchestrated with the help of the mutant mind manipulator Johnny Dee). Although Lazer's plan to go public with the stand-off was foiled, he activated a nuclear weapon within the bunker and trapped the escaped mutants inside. Thanks to cooperation between the O*N*E agents and the X-Men, the escaped mutants were rescued, but Lazer was killed by his unwilling collaborator Johnny Dee. Dr. Cooper was appointed to be Lazer's replacement as O*N*E Director, and it was decided by your advisory committee that the 198 should not be compelled to remain at the Xavier Institute against their will. However, the Sentinel Squad has recently suffered a major setback when the anti-mutant activist William Stryker used technology from the future Sentinel known as Nimrod to override the Squad's controls and infiltrate the Institute, killing several members of the student body.

PRODIGY

REAL NAME: Ritchie Gilmore
DUAL IDENTITY: Known S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: College student, adventurer (e.g. unlicensed super hero)
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (exotic technology user); otherwise no criminal record; in custody
PLACE OF BIRTH: Staten Island, New York City, New York
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Manhattan, New York City, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly the Slingers
EDUCATION: College (incomplete)

HISTORY: Ritchie Gilmore was a wrestler for Empire State University who, along with three other ESU freshmen students, was approached by the Black Marvel (Dan Lyons), a former World War II super hero, and offered the chance to become a super hero in his own right. He was unaware that Black Marvel was really offering them super-powered costumes empowered by the demon Mephisto. Donning a yellow suit of bulletproof body armor, Gilmore became "Prodigy" and began training sessions with the other three students, collectively known as the "Slingers." After the Black Marvel's death, Mephisto attempted to claim the souls of the Slingers as well, and they gave up the gifts Mephisto bestowed upon them in order to free Black Marvel's soul and return to Earth. Specifically, Prodigy gave up his costume's cape, which allowed him to glide on air currents.

After the Slingers parted ways, Prodigy received a technological upgrade to his costume to compensate for the powers he lost with Mephisto's cape and continued his career as a solo vigilante, at one point rejecting membership in the Great Lakes Avengers. After enactment of the SHRA, a drunken Prodigy stood on a Manhattan rooftop and publicly denounced the law. I confronted him and tried to convince him to register, but the close-minded Prodigy had already prejudged me as a traitor and attacked. I used an electromagnetic pulse beam to short out his armor and brought him into custody. As one of the first vigilantes to be arrested under the SHRA, Prodigy was transferred to Negative Zone Prison Alpha where he remained until Captain America's resistance movement staged a massive break-out. Liberated, Prodigy joined in the battle against our pro-Registration forces, who had confronted Captain America's followers outside the prison.

HEIGHT: 5'11" (6'1" in armor)
WEIGHT: 185 lbs. (255 lbs. in armor)
EYES: Blue **HAIR:** Black

POWER & ABILITIES: Prodigy possesses no inherent superhuman abilities. He is somewhat skilled in hand-to-hand combat, particularly freestyle wrestling.

PARAPHERNALIA: Although his powers previously originated from Mephisto's cloak, the Prodigy armor has apparently been retrofitted to endow Gilmore with all of the powers and abilities he possessed prior to giving up the cloak. His armor endows him with superhuman Class 25 strength, durability, and the ability to fly for limited distances.

PROWLER

REAL NAME: Hobie Brown
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Adventurer (e.g. unlicensed super hero), construction worker, inventor, former window washer
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (exotic technology user), otherwise no criminal record
PLACE OF BIRTH: Bronx, New York
BASE OF OPERATIONS: New York City
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly Outlaws
EDUCATION: High school graduate; self-educated thereafter

HISTORY: After losing his window washer job, Hobie Brown considered turning to crime with the equipment he had invented, which he adapted for use in battle as the Prowler, but was dissuaded by Spider-Man. Although slow to become a full-fledged adventurer, Prowler was one of several heroes who sought Defenders membership in Dollar Bill's "Defenders for the Day" event, and he eventually joined several other part-time heroes in the Outlaws, a team of operatives who served as lackeys to Silver Sable's Wild Pack.

When assignments from Silver Sable became scarce, Prowler and his teammate Rocket Racer entered the Deca Game in search of wealth, but Prowler suffered a serious back injury in battle and, even after his recovery, retired from action, although he occasionally provided technical support to Spider-Man. He recently returned to crime-fighting, and when the SHRA became law, he received tips from Arachne to avoid capture. However, he was ultimately captured by Ms. Marvel, and when S.H.I.E.L.D. operatives threatened to accuse his wife Mindy of also being an unauthorized adventurer and arrest her as well, Prowler was forced to inform them of Arachne's role as double agent. He is one of several adventurers who escaped recapture following Captain America's prison break. Brown's current feelings on registration remain undetermined, but he was recently sighted at an underworld wake held for the recently-departed Stilt-Man (Wilbur Day), who nearly killed Brown years ago when he was still a window washer – a near-death experience which inspired Brown to invent his Prowler equipment.

HEIGHT: 5'11" **WEIGHT:** 170 lbs.
EYES: Brown **HAIR:** Dark brown

POWER & ABILITIES: The Prowler is a brilliant inventor, mostly self-taught. He is an above average athlete and hand-to-hand combatant, with a Green Belt in Tae Kwon Do.

PARAPHERNALIA: The Prowler's wristlets and anklets are equipped to propel a variety of projectiles, including steel darts, gas pellets, small explosives, magnesium flares, and caustic fluid. He wears steel-tipped gauntlets and boots to climb walls and use as combat weapons if necessary. His costume is interwoven with stretch fabric, his boots are insulated and shock absorbent, and his cape can be expanded via a network

PUNISHER

REAL NAME: Frank Castle (born Castiglione)
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Vigilante (i.e. unlicensed super hero using excessive force); former Special Forces operator, U.S. Marine
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Criminal record (NOTE: Even by vigilante standards, Castle's crimes are of such severity as to disqualify him for any considerations of amnesty for the purposes of Superhuman Registration (except technology users).)
PLACE OF BIRTH: Queens, New York
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Mobile
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly Secret Avengers, "Marvel Knights," Green Berets, U.S. Marine Corps
EDUCATION: Extensive military training, partial priesthood training

HISTORY: Following his family's deaths beneath gangster gunfire, Frank Castle became the Punisher to channel his military training into an obsession with decimating the underworld, eventually less out of concern for innocent lives than to exercise a compulsive hatred for criminals. Inevitably an outsider to the traditional super heroes who prefer to capture enemies alive for the police, he has fought both against and alongside Spider-Man, Daredevil, Wolverine, and several others. His dedication has taken him not only across the U.S. but around the world, working with similarly blood-minded vigilantes such as Scotland's Clansman, Russia's Dragunov, and Great Britain's Outlaw, proving superhuman adventurers are not the only wild cannons at large in the international community.

Following the Punisher's decimation of a slavery ring with ties to high-placed police officials, the NYPD authorized an "anti-Punisher initiative" to dedicate more time and resources to his capture. However, the Punisher's most recent arrest and imprisonment in Ryker's Island can more likely be attributed to his own choice, as a prelude to his subsequent escape alongside Matt Murdock, the accused Daredevil. Resenting the disruptive effects of the SHRA (and the fact that S.H.I.E.L.D. began using mercenary-controlled super-villains as field agents), the Punisher next offered his services to the Secret Avengers. However, when he killed two would-be allies in cold blood (Goldbug and the Plunderer) simply because of their criminal pasts, Captain America severely beat him and had him forcibly removed from the group, regretting only that circumstances did not allow them to guarantee his imprisonment. The Punisher has since allied with Stuart Clarke (formerly the super-villain Rampage) in re-evaluating his current approach to his war on crime.

HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 200 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Black

POWER & ABILITIES: The Punisher is a master strategist in peak physical condition, able to survive and recover from injuries that would kill most non-powered humans. He is trained to near-perfection in multiple forms of both armed and unarmed combat.

PARAPHERNALIA: The Punisher is at all times armed with state-of-the-art conventional weaponry, including automatic and semi-automatic firearms, handguns, fragmentation grenades, combat knives, and others. He recently acquired the superhumanly powerful Talon Claw originally used by Hydra's Baron Strucker.

QUICKSILVER

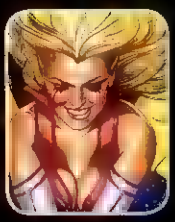
REAL NAME: Pietro Maximoff
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Self-described mutant savior; former Genoshan government official, U.S. government operative, terrorist, Attilan military officer, adventurer
CITIZENSHIP: United States (naturalized); formerly Transia and Attilan
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (qualified based on prior government employment) (mutant (depowered)/science-based mutate); fugitive; wanted by U.S. and Attilan authorities
PLACE OF BIRTH: Wundagore Mountain, Transia
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Alphabet City ("Mutant Town"), New York City, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly the Avengers, Knights of Wundagore, X-Factor, Brotherhood of Evil Mutants
EDUCATION: Extensively self-educated

HISTORY: The son of mutant terrorist Magneto and the twin brother of the reality-warping Scarlet Witch (Wanda Maximoff), Quicksilver and his sister were born on Mount Wundagore and left in the care of the High Evolutionary when their mother fled in fear of Magneto finding them. Held in stasis for years, the twin mutant babies were eventually adopted by a local Gypsy couple who raised the children. Eventually found by Magneto (though none were aware of their familial relationship at the time), the twins joined his Brotherhood of Evil Mutants terrorist group for a brief period before applying for Avengers membership.

Although the temperamental Quicksilver was often at odds from his teammates, friends, and family, he served the Avengers honorably and was a valuable asset to the team. But when the Scarlet Witch suffered from a nervous breakdown which resulted in reality warps that killed several members of the team, Quicksilver, fearing that the Avengers and X-Men would kill her to end the threat that her unstable mind posed, convinced his sister to reshape reality into a world where mutants dominated. But when the shift in reality was detected and the Scarlet Witch was confronted, she returned reality to its status quo only with approximately 90% of the world's mutants depowered, including Quicksilver. Desperate to gain his powers back, Quicksilver traveled to Attilan and stole the Inhumans' sacred Terrigen Crystals. Quicksilver gained new powers and settled in New York's "Mutant Town," believing that his new mission in life is to test the worthiness of the mutant populace by restoring their powers, a process which usually results in death. He has established an uneasy understanding with Mutant Town's X-Factor Investigations.

HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 175 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Silver

POWER & ABILITIES: Quicksilver's original genetic mutation endowed him with superhuman speed and reflexes nearing the speed of sound. Since his depowering on M-Day, he has used the Terrigen Mists of the Inhumans to gain the ability to travel forward in time (up to 12 days in the future) by vibrating his molecules at superhuman speeds. He can remain in the future for up to several hours before returning to his time of origin. He has also gained the ability to mutate depowered mutants with his touch, although this mutation is occasionally fatal. He can summon multiple temporal counterparts of himself.



RICADONNA'S ROGUES

MEMBERS: Celia Ricadonna (founder), Blue Streak (Jonathan Swift), Flame (Don Spritzer), Ferocia, Kingsize
PURPOSE: To further Ricadonna's criminal endeavors
MODUS OPERANDI: Team is sent on missions arranged by Ricadonna
HEADQUARTERS: Hart's Island, Long Island Sound, New York
MAJOR FUNDING: Ricadonna's publishing empire

HISTORY: Celia Ricadonna was once a wealthy New York City publishing mogul who moonlighted as the leader of a growing criminal empire. But when Ricadonna attempted to auction off a computer virus capable of destabilizing the world economy to various criminal organizations, she ran afoul of the Daughters of the Dragon (Colleen Wing and Misty Knight), who infiltrated the auction and defeated Ricadonna. The aspiring crimelord was arrested by the N.S.A. on charges of domestic terrorism and incarcerated at the Sing Sing Correctional Facility in Ossining, New York. From prison, she learned of the enactment of the SHRA and arranged for the criminal biologists of the Corporation to transplant Skrull organs into various super-villains on her payroll, giving them the ability to avoid S.H.I.E.L.D. detection by shapeshifting.

Four super-villains survived the initial transplant process. The current Blue Streak, with jet-propelled rocket-skates that enable him to reach speeds of 125 miles per hour and an aerodynamic costume equipped with breathing equipment which enables him to take in oxygen at high speeds, inherited his equipment from the original Blue Streak (Don Thomas), a former S.H.I.E.L.D. Super-Agent who served as a double-agent for the Corporation (until he was assassinated by the Scourge of the Underworld). Ferocia was once the leader of a pack of wolves in the magical dimension of K'un-Lun who was given humanoid form by the mystical Amulet of Shirrair. Flame is an expert arsonist whose fireproof costume is outfitted with miniature flamethrowers which enable him to project fireballs from his fingertips. He also wields a fire-generating sword. Kingsize is a superhumanly strong and durable giant (approximately 10-12 feet tall) of unknown origin who can transform into various giant sized animal forms simply by touching the jewel embedded in his forehead.

With their new shape-shifting powers, the Rogues broke Ricadonna out of the Sing Sing Correctional Facility, and retreated to Ricadonna's secret facility on Hart's Island in the Long Island Sound, where Ricadonna underwent Skrull organ transplants of her own. But before Ricadonna was able to reestablish her criminal empire, Colleen and Misty's new federally-sanctioned team Heroes for Hire infiltrated her Hart's Island headquarters and defeated both Ricadonna and her associates before using explosive charges to detonate the building. Although her underlings were arrested, it is still unknown whether Ricadonna survived the explosion.

RUNAWAYS

MEMBERSHIP: Karolina Dean (Lucy in the Sky), Molly Hayes (Bruiser), Victor Mancha, Nico Minoru (Sister Grimm), Old Lace, Chase Stein (Talkback), Xavin
HEADQUARTERS: Los Angeles, California
MAJOR FUNDING: Inapplicable: thus far the Runaways have relied almost solely on the resources of the Hostel and other legacies of the Pride

HISTORY: After discovering their parents were the murderous members of the criminal cadre called the Pride, six young friends went on the run, most of them discovering they had inherited superhuman abilities or accessories. After one of their number, Alex Wilder, betrayed them and perished, they dedicated themselves to redeeming their parents' crimes, helping other children escape similar situations, and in general doing good and having fun, not necessarily in that order. When another member, Gertrude Yorkes, died in battle, she transferred mental empathy with her future-created Dinosaychus Old Lace to her boyfriend, advanced technology user Chase Stein, who pilots the group's semi-sentient vehicle Leapfrog. The other surviving founders are Nico Minoru, sorceress and team leader; Karolina Dean, an Earth-born member of the Majesdanian race; and Molly Hayes, a super-strong pre-adolescent mutant. The group has been joined by Victor Mancha, cyborg "son" of Ultron, and semi-super-Skrull Xavin, Karolina's gender-changing fiance from an extraterrestrial arranged marriage.

After intervening in a clash between S.H.I.E.L.D. agents and a Hate-Smasher copycat, the Runaways were singled out as SHRA violators, and the Young Avengers crossed the country in hope of winning them to the Secret Avengers' cause. When S.H.I.E.L.D. Director Maria Hill, hoping for a quick media victory, sought assistance from the warden of the super-prison Cube, he unleashed a remote-controlled Marvel Boy on the two teams, who were quickly and soundly defeated. Hoping to incarcerate the extraterrestrials in the groups' ranks (despite Karolina and Hulkling's rights as U.S. citizens), the warden dispersed several of them, but the others invaded as a single unit, freeing their friends and breaking the control of Marvel Boy in the bargain. Although the Runaways declined to join Captain America's resistance movement, their new alliance with the Young Avengers may steer them in directions they do not yet expect.

SABRA

REAL NAME: Ruth Bat-Seraph
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to Israeli and S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Mossad agent; former police officer
CITIZENSHIP: Israel
LEGAL STATUS: Foreign operative, on loan from Israel (mutant)
PLACE OF BIRTH: Near Jerusalem, Israel
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Jerusalem, Israel
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Mossad, Israeli Super Agents; formerly Israeli Police Force
EDUCATION: Presumed college graduate; Mossad training; Israeli Super-Soldier Program graduate

HISTORY: Ruth Bat-Seraph was recruited into Israel's Super-Soldier Program when her mutant powers first manifested, and, upon graduation onto the state-sponsored Israeli Super Agents squad, received the experimental cape and bracelets that she wears on most missions until this day. Taking the codename Sabra, she eventually requested a domestic assignment upon the birth of her son and became an officer in the Israeli Police, Tel Aviv District. Her son died at age 6 as the result of a terrorist bombing on his school bus, but Bat-Seraph remained on the civilian police force until the arrival of the Hulk (Bruce Banner) in Israel forced her to resume her activity as Sabra. Since then, she has participated in various overseas missions: protecting the Israeli Prime Minister at a secret New York peace summit, working closely with the X-Men to expose the robotic Bastion's infiltration into the Israeli intelligence system, and working with Union Jack (Joseph Chapman) and MI-5 to oppose a R.A.I.D. terrorist attack on Great Britain.

Shortly after enactment of the SHRA, Mossad loaned Sabra's services to the U.S. Office of National Emergency (O*N*E) to assist with enforcing the law in exchange for the intelligence and surveillance technology that Israel would need for institute its own registration program. Along with Great Britain's Micromax (Scout Wright), she was assigned to the O*N*E coalition led by Bishop to find mutant refugees who had escaped the Xavier Institute. As someone who lost her child due to unnecessary violence, Sabra is a firm supporter of the Act.

HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT: 150 lbs.
EYES: Brown
HAIR: Brown

POWER & ABILITIES: Sabra's genetic mutation endows her with superhuman Class 50 strength, stamina, and durability, as well as enhanced agility and reflexes. As a member of Mossad, she is an excellent hand-to-hand combatant (trained in both armed and unarmed combat) and trained in police investigation and intelligence gathering.

PARAPHERNALIA: Sabra's cape contains a gravity polarization device which allows her to neutralize gravity's effect on her mass, and a tight array of four micro-turbines which propel air for sufficient thrust for inertialess mass to fly at 320 m.p.h. The cape also contains a wafer-thin computer system which processes her mental commands received by the circuitry in her tiara as well as an optical navigation device. Neurotoxic frequency stunners built into her twin wrist bracelets shoot "energy quills" (small bundles of low-density plasma that travel just below the speed of sound and paralyze the nervous system of any organic being almost instantaneously for up to 2 hours).

SENTRY

REAL NAME: Robert Reynolds
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Licensed super hero; former writer
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (science-based mutate)
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed
BASE OF OPERATIONS: The Watchtower, Stark Tower, New York City, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Avengers
EDUCATION: High school graduate

HISTORY: Several years ago, high school student Robert Reynolds used a stolen experimental serum as a recreational drug, unaware it was the end result of government research to create the perfect superhumans. Receiving nearly godlike power, Reynolds was split into two entities — the Sentry and the Void — by his own subconscious, which suppressed Void almost immediately. As Sentry, Reynolds embarked on a career as a super hero, and when the Fantastic Four's debut heralded an era of overt superhuman activity, he befriended them and the other heroes who followed. However, after many years of crime-fighting adventures, Void re-emerged and dedicated himself to taking as many lives as Sentry saved, and Sentry's enemies tapped his psionic potential and erased not only his memories of both Sentry and Void, but those of the entire world. More years passed before Void awoke once more, and although Reynolds regained his memories of Sentry's life of wonder, he sacrificed them to dispel his foe. Following a second such struggle months later, Sentry, with the telepathic Emma Frost's assistance, stabilized and joined the recently reorganized Avengers. Yet another confrontation with Void ended with Sentry hurling his evil persona into the sun, from which Void has yet to return.

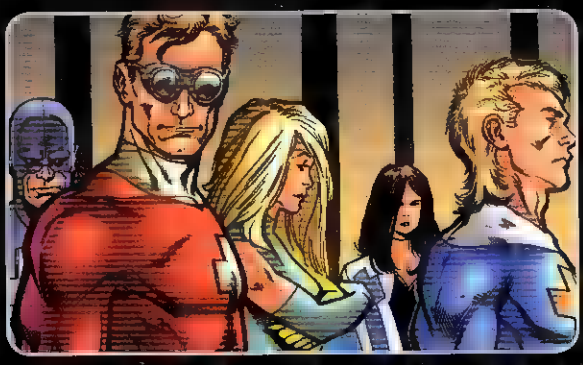
Although he provided technological support to our cause after enactment of the SHRA and authorized his sentient computer C.L.O.C. to intern unregistered heroes, he did not immediately register his name and address with the government. Much to Maria Hill's disappointment, he also hesitated to use his vast power in battling the Secret Avengers, not only fearing the Void's re-emergence but foreseeing no end to the conflict save by killing Captain America and perhaps all of his allies. However, his non-involvement too may have invoked a dangerous cost, since a failed attempt to isolate himself on the Moon resulted in the Inhumans learning of the ongoing crises visited upon Earth's superhumans, and their reaction is as yet unpredictable. It wasn't until a particularly destructive battle against the Absorbing Man (Carl "Crusher" Creel) in Manhattan that the Sentry realized the true destructive potential of his powers and decided to register pursuant to the SHRA. At my insistence, he is currently serving on the newest incarnation of the Avengers under Ms. Marvel's leadership (despite the fact that Ms. Marvel deems him too mentally unstable to be an effective team member).

HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 194 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Blond

POWER & ABILITIES: Empowered directly by solar radiation, Sentry possesses superhuman Class 100 strength, speed, intelligence, and senses. He is invulnerable to virtually all forms of physical attack and capable of energy-projection and flight. He has the potential for unlimited psionic ability.

PARAPHERNALIA: Sentry is assisted by his sentient computer C.L.O.C. (Centrally Located Organic Computer).

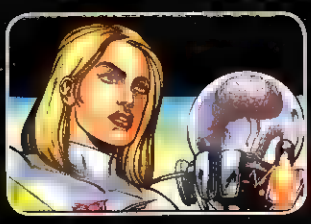
S.H.E.
(SUPER HEROES OF EUROPE)



MEMBERS: Amazon, Belgian Brain, Claymore, Flying Carpet, Gunnar, Javelin, Magma, Oracle, Red Dragon, Shamrock, Yvette, others
HEADQUARTERS: S.H.E. Base, Europe
MAJOR FUNDING: Representative nations of Europe / Hero Organization of the European Community

HISTORY: Years ago, the nations of Europe founded the Super Heroes of Europe (S.H.E.), a coalition of European-based superhumans dedicated to defending the continent from all threats and acting as a peacekeeping force throughout the world. The statuesque Amazon served as the Ukraine's representative on the team. Representing Belgium, the Belgian Brain was a disembodied brain capable of genius-level computations and calculations. Claymore, Scotland's representative, was a master of ancient weaponry such as morningstar and various swords. Flying Carpet of Turkey was capable of flight, while Gunnar of Iceland possessed superhuman strength and durability. Other members of the coalition included Javelin of Finland, Magma of Sweden, Oracle of Greece, Red Dragon of Wales, Shamrock of Ireland, and Yvette of France. Although several of these representatives, such as long-time member the Red Dragon (Gareth Thomas), were killed by the Void, the organization survived and the affected nations chose new super-powered individuals to represent them in S.H.E.

During the height of the Civil War, the behavioral protocols within the nanites we were using to control the Green Goblin (Norman Osborn) were tampered with, causing Osborn to slaughter a 20-man Atlantean sleeper cell that had been activated in New York City. The outraged Atlanteans insisted that their slaughtered agents were only in New York on a fact-finding mission to learn more about humanity and did not pose a threat to U.S. national security. In order to avert a military confrontation, S.H.E. brokered a deal between the Atlanteans and our government in which an Atlantean delegation led by Ambassador Govan would hold a conference on the Lower East Side Wharf in order to air their grievances in a public forum in accordance with Atlantean custom. Wales' new Red Dragon, Gareth Thomas' successor, was authorized by the State Department to act as a mediator while the Belgian Brain was slated to serve as translator for the event; however, as soon as the conference started, Norman Osborn emerged from the crowd and shot Ambassador Govan, who retreated back into the waters with his Atlantean delegation. Norman Osborn was quickly subdued by Iceland's Gunnar and placed in police custody.



SHE-HULK

REAL NAME: Jennifer Walters
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Attorney, S.H.I.E.L.D. agent, licensed super hero; former Assistant District Attorney
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (science-based mutate)
PLACE OF BIRTH: Los Angeles, California
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Offices of Goodman, Leiber, Kurzberg, and Holloway, Timely Plaza, New York City, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: S.H.I.E.L.D., the Magistrom, formerly the Avengers, Heroes for Hire, Fantastic Four
EDUCATION: J.D. in law

HISTORY: Jennifer Walters' life as an idealistic defense attorney was irrevocably altered when a gangster's gunshot necessitated a life-saving transfusion from her cousin Bruce Banner, the gamma-irradiated Hulk. Becoming the super-strong She-Hulk, she embarked on a series of battles against both new and experienced superhuman criminals before joining the Avengers. Following the Beyonder's Secret Wars, she acted as the Thing's replacement in the Fantastic Four and divided her time between the two teams. She served a lengthy term as Assistant District Attorney, then worked with the short-lived Heroes for Hire as both team member and legal counsel. She-Hulk has made herself one of the most publicly known and approachable of New York's super heroes, customarily trying cases in her preferred, super-powered form.

She-Hulk is currently an attorney with the Manhattan firm of Goodman, Leiber, Kurzberg, and Holloway, which specializes in cases involving superhumans, hidden civilizations, time travel, and other exotic fields; it recently expanded its clientele base to include super-villains, much to her chagrin. Although She-Hulk supports the registration of super heroes as a means of ensuring safety and public reassurance, she opposes the current draconian imprisonment policies and has spent much time in court fighting for the rights of registration violators. She recently accompanied the hero formerly known as Speedball on the day he was to testify before Congress on the issue of the Registration Act and was present during his attempted assassination on the steps of the Capitol Building by James Stricker, the grieving father of a young Stamford victim. Most recently, after discovering that her cousin was missing (and unaware that we had exiled him into space), She-Hulk became actively involved in S.H.I.E.L.D. Hulkbuster operations, which are now directed at thwarting gamma-powered super-villains and similar threats that would have usually been countered by the Hulk (specimens which are necessary for the implementation of the top-secret Project: Achilles). She has also become an instructor in the Fifty State Initiative Training Program at Camp Hammond in Stamford, Connecticut.

HEIGHT: 6'7" (5'10" as Walters)
WEIGHT: 650 lbs. (140 lbs. as Walters)
EYES: Green **HAIR:** Green (brown as Walters)

POWER & ABILITIES: She-Hulk possesses Superhuman Class 90 strength; her augmented muscles allow her superior speed and agility, allowing her to ascend 600 feet in a single jump and leap nearly one-fifth a mile in distance. She is impervious to most forms of injury, pain, and disease; she can change from non-powered to mutated form and back again at will, although she prefers her She-Hulk form. She is a well-educated and creative attorney.

S.H.I.E.L.D.

EMPLOYEES: Tony Stark (Director), Maria Hill (Deputy Director), Timothy Alexander "Dum Dum" Dugan (Deputy Director, Military Coordinator), Valentina de Fontaine (Special Director, Liaison to the U.K.), Derek Khanata (Special Director, Covert Operations), Jasper Sitwell (Special Director, Internal Affairs), Gabriel Jones (S.H.I.E.L.D. Academy Director), Clay Quartermain (Director of Hulkbuster Operations), hundreds of other officers and field agents
HEADQUARTERS: S.H.I.E.L.D. Helicarrier
MAJOR FUNDING: S.H.I.E.L.D. Treaty signatory nations; Maria Stark Foundation

HISTORY: Originally known as the Supreme Headquarters International Espionage Law-enforcement Division, S.H.I.E.L.D. was founded to be a worldwide intelligence agency specializing in anti-terrorism operations (specifically, to counter the growing influence of the Hydra terrorist organization). International in its membership, scope, and jurisdiction, many of S.H.I.E.L.D.'s top agents have been recruited from the world's foremost national intelligence agencies. S.H.I.E.L.D. usually operates under the authority of the United Nations, but all S.H.I.E.L.D. Treaty signatory nations have the right to request the organization's assistance in their national security operations. As a young man and neophyte industrialist, I was instrumental in S.H.I.E.L.D.'s creation years ago, as I was very active in convincing the world's politicians and businessmen to support the organization's formation. I also provided S.H.I.E.L.D. with most of its weaponry over the years and collaborated with Mr. Fantastic (Reed Richards) and the mutant inventor Forge in the creation of the first Helicarrier. Today, although S.H.I.E.L.D. now stands for "Strategic Hazard Intervention Espionage Logistics Directorate," its mission remains largely the same. Nick Fury has served as its Director for most of the organization's history, but he was recently forced to go underground after engaging in a secret, unauthorized mission into Latveria in an attempt to reveal Latverian Prime Minister Lucia von Barda's funding of terrorism on American soil. Maria Hill, a former law-enforcement agent stationed in Madripoor, was selected by the S.H.I.E.L.D. member nations to serve as Acting Director until a permanent replacement for Nick Fury could be found.

After the U.S. Congress passed the Superhuman Registration Act, it realized our own governmental institutions (C.S.A., S.T.A.R.S., O*S*E, etc.) were not yet equipped with the resources or manpower needed to assume the full responsibility of enforcing the Act's provisions, so the government requested that S.H.I.E.L.D. assist with ensuring that America's superhuman population registered pursuant to the Act. Acting Director Hill was eager to cooperate with the will of the American people (even affording Captain America the chance to register prior to the SHRA's final enactment), and soon special S.H.I.E.L.D. Superhuman Restraint Units (derogatorily referred to as "Cape-Killers"), equipped with technology developed by Stark Industries, were deployed across the U.S. to capture unregistered, non-compliant superhumans. Led by my team of pro-registration heroes, the S.H.I.E.L.D. units proved to be very capable in a support capacity. Upon Captain America's surrender to federal authorities and the subsequent decline of his once formidable resistance movement, the S.H.I.E.L.D. Treaty signatory nations elected me to serve as Nick Fury's permanent replacement as Director of S.H.I.E.L.D. Under my leadership, I've designed a new Helicarrier (with Stark Industries as the sole copyright holder) and I am working closely with the C.S.A. to eventually transfer full responsibility for policing America's superhuman population and enforcing the SHRA to U.S. government institutions.

SHOCKWAVE

REAL NAME: Lancaster Sneed
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Professional criminal, mercenary, former MI-6 agent, carnival performer
CITIZENSHIP: United Kingdom
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (exiled), international criminal record, in custody
PLACE OF BIRTH: Newcastle upon Tyne, England, U.K.
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Worldwide
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly MI-6, Oriental Expediters Limited, Golden Dagger Sect, and the S.H.I.E.L.D. Delta Conspiracy
EDUCATION: College level, extensive MI-6 intelligence training

HISTORY: Lancaster Sneed served as a demolitions specialist in MI-6, Britain's Secret Intelligence Service, until he was caught in an explosion in North Africa and rebuilt himself with metal plates. Having determined that Sneed had been driven insane by these injuries, which also scarred his face, MI-6 released him from their service and Sneed journeyed to Asia to study martial arts before constructing an exoskeleton that enabled him to generate electricity through his body. Now calling himself Shockwave, Sneed became an operative for the Oriental Expediters (an import-export firm specializing in Far Eastern art which served as a front for the criminal Golden Daggers Sect) and later the S.H.I.E.L.D. Delta Conspiracy (an advanced Life Model Decoy developed by Arturo Zola which temporarily seized control of S.H.I.E.L.D.). Since then, Shockwave has offered his services to the highest bidder as a freelance mercenary, and most recently participated in a terrorist plot in London, England organized by R.A.I.D. (Radically Advanced Ideas in Destruction) before fleeing to Manhattan after an MI-5/S.H.I.E.L.D. coalition led by Union Jack foiled R.A.I.D.'s plans.

Unfortunately for Shockwave, he arrived shortly after passage of the SHRA and soon determined that Manhattan was no longer an ideal habitat for costumed super-villains. Seeking to illegally obtain American citizenship and set up a base of operations in Texas, Shockwave contacted the freelance spy known only as Vienna. But unknown to Shockwave and the other super-villains who had been dealing with Vienna, she was participating in a sting operation organized by the federally-sanctioned Heroes for Hire bounty hunting team. After Heroes for Hire infiltrated Vienna's headquarters and defeated the assembled super-villains, Shockwave was arrested pursuant to the SHRA.

HEIGHT: 5'11" **WEIGHT:** 170 lbs. (182 lbs. in armor)
EYES: Green **HAIR:** Black, formerly reddish-brown

POWER & ABILITIES: Shockwave is a master of various martial arts, most notably karate, and has been trained in armed and unarmed combat by British military intelligence. He is an expert with electrical devices and skilled in demolitions work. Shockwave's body has been rebuilt using metal plates, granting him enhanced strength. He has a history of mental instability and should be handled with extreme caution.

PARAPHERNALIA: Sneed has designed his own exoskeleton body armor which is equipped with an apparatus that generates electrical shocks on contact.

SHROUD

REAL NAME: Maximillian Quincy Coleridge
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Adventurer (e.g. unlicensed super hero); formerly masquerading as gang leader
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (science/magic-based powers, precise classification as yet undetermined), wanted for questioning on various criminal charges; in custody
PLACE OF BIRTH: New York City
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Los Angeles, California
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly Night Shift, Cult of Kali
EDUCATION: College degree in law and criminology

HISTORY: Orphaned at the age of ten, wealthy Max Coleridge dedicated his adult life to the opposition of crime, studying criminology and subjecting himself to a strict exercise regimen. He traveled throughout Asia and underwent unrevealed adventures, eventually studying for seven years with the Cult of Kali. Branded by the cultists, Coleridge lost his physical sight but gained a mystic compensation. Setting his sights high, he began his career as the Shroud by targeting Doctor Doom, a perennial world menace, only to end up allying with Doom and Namor against the Red Skull. Exposure to one of the Skull's devices either granted or awoke in the Shroud the power to summon and control darkness. He then altered his methods and vowed to undermine crime from within. Becoming a feared L.A. gangland, he secretly allied with Spider-Woman, the West Coast Avengers, and other heroes when possible. He eventually gathered several superhuman misfits as the Night Shift, most of whom genuinely believed he targeted criminals as a rival, not a hero. Abandoned by them when his true agenda was eventually uncovered, he briefly relocated to New York but soon returned to California.

When former Avenger Julia Carpenter lost her powers, the Shroud hired scientists to synthesize the formula that had originally empowered her, enabling her to return to action as Arachne. She and Shroud also became lovers, but when she was recruited by me to locate and apprehend SHRA violators, she secretly worked with Shroud to help others escape capture. Following her exposure, Shroud attempted to flee with Arachne but ultimately sacrificed his freedom to allow her escape. Although held as a registration violator, it is presumed he will be cleared of earlier criminal charges due to my knowledge of his motives as a gang leader.

HEIGHT: 6'2" **WEIGHT:** 220 lbs.
EYES: Pale blue **HAIR:** Reddish-blond

POWER & ABILITIES: Although physically blind, the Shroud's mystic sense of sight allows him to see clearly in total darkness and through solid objects. He can create an aperture to the Darkforce Dimension and summon intangible darkness to cloak himself, overwhelm opponents, and accomplish other effects. He is an accomplished martial artist and strategist.

SILVERCLAW

REAL NAME: Maria de Guadalupe "Lupe" Santiago
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Adventurer (e.g. unlicensed super hero), student
CITIZENSHIP: Costa Verde, U.S. resident as student
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (half-goddess), otherwise no criminal record
PLACE OF BIRTH: Kamakeri, Costa Verde
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Empire State University, Manhattan, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Avengers
EDUCATION: College student (Empire State University)

HISTORY: The daughter of Peliali, volcano goddess of the Kamekeri, Lupe Santiago grew up in the South American nation of Costa Verde. She began receiving Child-Care sponsorship from Edwin Jarvis while she was still a child. As a young adult, she traveled to the U.S. to attend college. She was briefly extorted into service as Silverclaw by Moses Magnum but soon fired from him by Jarvis's employers, the Avengers. She befriended the world famous super heroes, and when Taskmaster disguised himself as Captain America and attempted to manipulate her and others into attacking the Vision, Understanding, Silverclaw, who had heard so much about Cap's admirable character from Jarvis, recognized his deception and exposed him. Later, the Avengers accompanied her back to her homeland to break the spell of Kulan Gath, and she acquitted herself so well that she earned status as a reserve Avenger.

While not attending classes at Empire State University, Silverclaw participated in various Avengers missions, such as the team's reaction to the Maximum Security crisis. She even accompanied several others into space to rescue former Avenger Mantis' son Quoi, destined to change the universe as the Celestial Messiah, from a Thanosi (a doppelganger of the mad Titan Thanos). During that adventure, she grew attracted to the extradimensional Haywire and mourned when he sacrificed himself to Death to reunite with his deceased girlfriend Inertia.

When the SHRA became law, Silverclaw presumed she was exempt since she was still a citizen of Costa Verde, not of the U.S. Nonetheless, she was declared a non-registered combatant and subdued by fellow Avenger Ms. Marvel. Angry and resentful, Silverclaw evaded arrest and remained at large for a time. However, following Captain America's assassination, she voluntarily surrendered and registered. Due to her citizenship and other factors, I cannot in good conscience recommend her for Initiative assignment at this time.

HEIGHT: 5'7" **WEIGHT:** 150 lbs.
EYES: Brown **HAIR:** Black, with white tips

POWER & ABILITIES: As a result of her half-goddess heritage, Silverclaw can transform herself into any animal native to her homeland of Costa Verde. To date, she has been documented taking the form of a harpy eagle, a boa constrictor, and a cougar, among other forms of fauna. She can also undergo partial transformations, such as manifesting a cougar's claws or an eagle's wings while still maintaining humanoid form, and she can manifest several of these partial transformations simultaneously. It is believed that she possesses a mystical link to the lands and peoples of Costa Verde, although the significance of this connection are not yet fully understood.

STINGRAY

REAL NAME: Walter Newell
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Oceanographer; licensed super hero
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (exotic technology user)
PLACE OF BIRTH: Gloucester, Massachusetts
BASE OF OPERATIONS: New York City, New York; formerly Hydro-Base, Atlantic Ocean
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly Secret Avengers, the Avengers
EDUCATION: Ph.D. in oceanography

HISTORY: A former U.S. government oceanographer, Dr. Walter Newell befriended Prince Namor of Atlantis when Newell supervised the construction of an experimental domed city below the ocean's surface which was destroyed by the Plunderer (Percival Plunder). Newell was next hired by federal agent Edgar Benton to investigate the mysterious siphoning of Earth's oceans by an extraterrestrial. During the course of this mission, Newell developed his Stingray underwater exoskeleton, based on the physiology of a manta ray. Since then, as Stingray, he has been involved in several undersea missions involving Namor, later moving his base of operations to the artificial island known as Hydro-Base, which he leased to the Avengers (eventually gaining Avengers membership status himself).

Initially, Stingray remained neutral after enactment of the SHRA and during the early days of the Civil War. However, he was one of the many heroes who joined Captain America's resistance movement after our Thor clone accidentally killed Goliath (William Foster) during the battle at Oeffen-Meyers Chemicals. Following Captain America's surrender to federal authorities, Stingray accepted our offer of super-hero amnesty and signed up for the Fifty State Initiative. We determined that he should be enrolled in the Fifty State Initiative Training Program at Camp Hammond in order to become less reliant on his exoskeleton in combat.

HEIGHT: 6'3"
WEIGHT: 200 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Brown

POWER & ABILITIES: Although he possesses no inherent superhuman powers, Stingray is an experienced oceanographer and a skilled inventor of experimental oceanographic equipment.

PARAPHERNALIA: Stingray's armored exoskeleton suit is composed of super-hard cartilage and plastic-based, muscle-like tissue designed mainly for underwater use (and equipped with an oxygen-diffusing system providing breathable air almost indefinitely). The electrical discharge device built into the exoskeleton produces bolts of up to 20,000 volts through air or water capable of rendering a man unconscious for 2 hours. The exoskeleton is equipped with 2 pairs of mini-turbine impellers under the wings which propel Stingray underwater at speeds up to 52 knots per hour and enable him to fly for short distances. The suit is powered by a small nucleus-powered, thermoelectric generator.

STORM

REAL NAME: Ororo Munroe
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Queen of Wakanda, adventurer (pre-SHRA); former gladiator, student, thief, tribal patron
CITIZENSHIP: Dual citizenship in the United States and Wakanda
LEGAL STATUS: Unregistered superhuman (mutant); diplomatic immunity as a visiting foreign head of state
PLACE OF BIRTH: New York City, New York
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Wakanda
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Fantastic Four; formerly the X-Men, X-Treme Sanctions Executive, Hellfire Club Inner Circle, Morlocks, others
EDUCATION: College-level courses (Xavier Institute for Higher Learning)

HISTORY: Born in New York City to an American photojournalist and a Kenyan princess, Ororo Munroe moved to Cairo, Egypt with her family when she was only 6 months old. At age 5, her parents were killed when a plane crashed into their home during the Arab-Israeli conflict and the orphaned and homeless Ororo became a pickpocket on the streets of Cairo. She eventually decided to travel throughout Africa and befriended T'Challa, the prince of Wakanda, although T'Challa's duties as Wakandan royalty prevented them from continuing their relationship. Returning to her ancestral homeland on Kenya's Serengeti Plain, she was worshipped as a goddess by local tribespeople due to her mutant ability to manipulate weather patterns. Charles Xavier recruited Storm into his X-Men after his original team became trapped on the seemingly sentient island of Krakoa. Learning that she was a mutant rather than a goddess, Ororo accepted Xavier's offer and remained with the X-Men for years, both as a student and team leader.

Storm recently left the X-Men in order to rekindle her relationship with T'Challa, now the Black Panther and King of Wakanda. The couple was married soon after and have since embarked on a worldwide diplomatic tour that ended in the United States. When the royal couple came to visit the White House, the State Department insisted that Storm, as an American citizen, register with the government. This caused the couple to leave in protest, resulting in riot-like conditions outside the White House. During the final battle against Captain America's forces in Midtown Manhattan, Storm fought our cybernetic Thor clone as he inadvertently destroyed the Wakandan Embassy, eventually weakening him with an electromagnetic pulse to his brain. Although Storm and Black Panther briefly assisted Captain America's resistance movement, they have since joined the Fantastic Four on a temporary basis following Captain America's surrender.

HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT: 127 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: White

POWER & ABILITIES: Storm possesses the mutant ability to psionically manipulate weather patterns over limited geographical areas. She can stimulate the creation of any form of precipitation, generate winds in varying forms of intensity (up to and including hurricane force), raise or lower temperature and humidity levels, and induce lightning and other electrical atmospheric phenomena. She is limited to manipulating weather patterns as they exist naturally and, although the exact limit to the size of the geographical area over which Storm can manipulate weather patterns is unknown, it is known that the range of her abilities are affected by the force of her will, emotional state, and the physical condition of her body. Her powers also grant her limited immunity to extreme temperatures and the ability to create winds strong enough to propel herself and others through the air at hundreds of miles per hour. Storm suffers from severe claustrophobia as a result of the plane crash which left her trapped beneath rubble.

THOR

REAL NAME: None
DUAL IDENTITY: No dual identity
OCCUPATION: S.H.I.E.L.D. agent
CITIZENSHIP: Not applicable
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (artificial life-form (clone [god] / cyborg hybrid))
PLACE OF CREATION: Stark Tower, New York City, New York
BASE OF OPERATIONS: New York City, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: S.H.I.E.L.D.
EDUCATION: Programmed with S.H.I.E.L.D. training

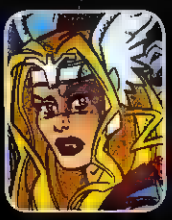
HISTORY: My first real interaction with the original Thor was at the first Avengers meeting I hosted years ago. As a man of science, I initially doubted Thor's claims of godhood – but I never doubted his inherent powers and I suspected that the day would eventually come when his services would no longer be available to us. As such, during the first meeting of the Avengers, I secretly obtained a single strand of Thor's hair, realizing that modern science would one day progress to the point where we could use this genetic material to clone of the Thunder God. Over the years, he proved to be a loyal friend and a warrior born.

I first learned of Thor's demise from the Olympian god Hercules during the memorial service held for the Avengers who fell as a result of the Scarlet Witch's mental breakdown. With my electrical engineering skills, Pym's expertise in biochemistry, and Richards' aptitude in all sciences, creating and artificially aging the clone was easier than expected. Our Thor clone, dubbed "Codename Lightning" by S.H.I.E.L.D., was sent into live combat the night that we trapped Captain America's Secret Avengers at the Geffen-Meyer Chemicals facility. As soon as he was deployed, the clone exhibited over-aggression and explicitly disobeyed his directives prohibiting deadly force. Before the night was over, Goliath (Bill Foster) was dead at the hands of the clone and more casualties were imminent if not for the timely intervention of Invisible Woman (Susan Richards). We later worked out many of the flaws in Thor's programming and let him loose during the final battle against Captain America in Midtown Manhattan, but he once again disobeyed his programmed protocols by attacking Storm (Queen Ororo of Wakanda) and destroying the Wakandan Embassy. After Storm weakened him with an electromagnetic pulse to his brain, he was destroyed when the Greek god Hercules smashed through his head using his own hammer. The remnants of the cybernetic Thor clone have been sent to Camp Hammond in Stamford, Connecticut where our team of scientists will determine whether he can be salvaged.

HEIGHT: 6'6"
WEIGHT: 640 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Blond

POWER & ABILITIES: Cloned from Asgardian DNA, Thor possesses superhuman Class 100 strength, speed, agility, and reflexes, as well as godlike stamina and durability. He possesses an extremely long lifespan and immunity to all Earthly diseases. Cybernetic technology has been spliced into his DNA to enable us to shut down his motor functions in emergency situations.

PARAPHERNALIA: Thor wields a hammer which uses cybernetic technology in an attempt to recreate the powers of Mjolnir, the enchanted uru hammer of Asgardian lore. The hammer contains a homing device that enables it to return to the exact spot from which it was thrown, a gravity-polarization device that allows its wielder to neutralize gravity's effect on his mass, and allows the bearer to channel the elements of storm and project powerful blasts of electrical energy.



THOR GIRL

REAL NAME: Tarene, a.k.a. Tara Olson
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Licensed super hero; former pupil
CITIZENSHIP: Indeterminate; resident non-natives of Earth are afforded rudimentary citizenship in exchange for SHRA registration
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (extraterrestrial)
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unidentified planet in unidentified galaxy
BASE OF OPERATIONS: New York City, New York (currently living at Camp Hammond, Stamford, Connecticut)
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: None
EDUCATION: Higher-level education of homeworld

HISTORY: As a young girl, Tarene was one of many spiritual pupils studying to one day aid the Designate, a powerful mystic figure destined to elevate all life-forms in the universe to greatness and fated to be born on Tarene's homeworld. No one, including herself, realized Tarene was herself the Designate until her world was attacked by a Thanosi (doppelganger of the cruel Titan Thanos). When Tarene wept for her people's destruction and the Thanosi's enemy, the noble thunder god Thor, "Thanos" collected her tears in a mystic artifact, thereby imbuing himself with incredible power, but Thor interfered with the process, overloading and defeating the Thanosi. When Tarene wept for her people's destruction and the defeat of Thanos's enemy, the noble thunder god Thor, Thanos collected her tears in a mystic artifact, thereby imbuing himself with incredible power, but Thor interfered with the process, overloading and defeating the Titan. Now aware of her power, Tarene transformed herself into a young female version of Thor and followed him to Earth, where she became the thunder god's ally as Thor Girl and, posing as human Tara Olson, lived among humans in order to learn from them.

Thor Girl subsequently lost most of her cosmic power while helping Thor and his allies defeat Surtur, leaving her with the still formidable powers of an Asgardian goddess. She remained active on Earth during the months following Thor's disappearance and seeming destruction during the events of Ragnarok, and, conforming to what she presumed was appropriate human behavior, she duly registered as a super hero following the SHRA's passage into law. Shortly afterward, she observed the Grey Gargoyle (Pierre Paul Duval), a longtime enemy of Thor's, casing a diamond exchange and struck him down, which nearly brought her into a legal battle, since the Gargoyle had not yet committed a crime. Thor Girl subsequently joined the Initiative and is expected to be one of the program's top performers. She is currently training with the Initiative's other superhuman recruits at Camp Hammond in Stamford, Connecticut.

HEIGHT: 5'9"
WEIGHT: 317 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Blonde

POWER & ABILITIES: Thor Girl's biological makeup is virtually identical to that of an Asgardian goddess; as such, she possesses Superhuman Class 50 strength and resistance to injury.

PARAPHERNALIA: In addition to its use as a striking or throwing weapon, Thor Girl's seemingly magic hammer can fire energy blasts, control weather conditions, grant her the power of flight, and transform her to "civilian" form and back again.

THUNDERBOLTS

MEMBERS: Green Goblin (Norman Osborn), Bullseye, Moonstone (Karla Sorren), Penance (Robert "Robbie" Baldwin), Radioactive Man (Chen Lu), Songbird (Melissa Gold), Swordsman (Andreas von Strucker), Venom (MacDonald "Mac" Gargan)
HEADQUARTERS: Thunderbolts Mountain, Coyote Springs, Colorado
MAJOR FUNDING: U.S. Commission on Superhuman Activities; S.H.I.E.L.D.

HISTORY: The brainchild of Baron Helmut Zemo, the Thunderbolts began as an incarnation of the Masters of Evil who attempted to trick the world into believing they were a new team of super heroes after the Avengers and Fantastic Four were presumed dead following the battle against Onslaught. Of course, we hadn't died, and the Thunderbolts' motives were exposed when Zemo made his move for world takeover shortly after our return. Strangely, several of the Thunderbolts were inspired by their short time as pretend heroes and helped oppose Zemo's scheme, remaining together as a team in the aftermath. Zemo eventually returned to the team, now motivated to save the world due to his feelings of superiority. Coming into the possession of two powerful moonstones, a near-omniscient Zemo convinced us to allow him to amass a small army of super-villains at the Desert Flats, New Mexico military installation (Operation: Justice Like Lightning) in order to combat the Grandmaster, an Elder of the Universe who attempted to use the Wellspring of Power to transform the world's population into his super-powered pawns. When the Grandmaster made his move, we defended Washington D.C. from the masses of Wellspring-powered citizens while Zemo defeated the Grandmaster at the Universal Church of the Wellspring in Germany.

But Zemo was betrayed by Songbird, a former leader of the team, who was working with S.H.I.E.L.D. and the C.S.A. Having cut away the team's dead weight, the Thunderbolts now serve as the C.S.A.'s superhuman marshals, tasked with apprehending the most dangerous unregistered vigilantes. Moonstone, a former psychiatrist empowered by an alien gemstone, serves as the team's field leader. Radioactive Man is a Chinese national serving with the team at the behest of his government, but fluctuations in his body's radiation have recently resulted in an unstable temperament. A master of polyphonic ultrasonics, Songbird is certainly the most trustworthy of the team, but she has been demoted and marginalized under the team's new leadership. Swordsman was formerly the international terrorist known as Fenris, but he has since renounced his father Wolfgang von Strucker and now lends his hand-to-hand combat expertise to the team. The new additions are superhuman convicts who we keep under control with nanotechnology injected into their bloodstream and hide from public view using cloaking devices. Bullseye, perhaps the world's most accurate assassin, is closely monitored and his use is limited to emergency situations where his special skills are required. Penance was the former New Warrior known as Speedball. Venom, formerly Scorpion, is the current possessor of a dangerous alien symbiote which functions as a living costume. Norman Osborn, the Green Goblin, serves as the C.S.A. official in charge of managing personnel and coordinating the field team's missions. After serving their tour of duty, each member is given the opportunity to take $10 million and leave the U.S.

THUNDERCLAP

REAL NAME: Stanley George Johnson
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Adventurer (e.g. unlicensed super hero); former electronics salesman
CITIZENSHIP: United Kingdom
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (exotic technology used), wanted for questioning in the death of Roberto Velasquez
PLACE OF BIRTH: West Bromwich, England, United Kingdom
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Manhattan, New York City, New York; formerly London, England, U.K.
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: None
EDUCATION: Technical school (emphasis in hydraulics and pneumatics)

HISTORY: Even as a struggling electronics salesman in London, England, the smug Stanley George Johnson always had aspirations of living the grandiose life of a costumed super hero. To realize these dreams, he spent months cannibalizing other people's technology in order to cobble together two piston-like metal gloves powered by a hydraulic device that enabled Johnson to emit powerful sonic booms upon clapping his hands together. With his invention completed, Johnson traveled to New York City as "Thunderclap" to make a name for himself in the city's growing super-hero community. Soon after his arrival, he happened upon Spider-Man (Peter Parker), who was in the process of apprehending a van-load of criminals. Thunderclap insisted that he handle the criminals, and clapped his hands together, temporarily deafening everyone in the immediate area and causing massive property damage. But when the media finally arrived, Thunderclap blamed Spider-Man for the destruction and was hailed as the hero responsible for the criminals' defeat.

Thunderclap was one of the many heroes who refused to register after enactment of the SHRA. He was confronted near Times Square by Bantam (Roberto Velasquez), who attempted to use force to persuade Thunderclap to register. A brief battle ensued, which ended with Thunderclap clapping his hands together, causing a sonic boom that sent Bantam reeling backwards into a gasoline tanker truck. The force caused the tanker to explode, killing Bantam. Thunderclap nervously fled the scene and has not been seen since.

HEIGHT: 5'9"
WEIGHT: 176 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Strawberry blond

POWER & ABILITIES: Thunderclap possesses no inherent superhuman abilities. He is knowledgeable in electronics and is skilled at reverse-engineering.

PARAPHERNALIA: Thunderclap's piston-like metal gloves are connected to a hydraulic device in the back of his costume which uses potential and kinetic energy to enable the gloves to collide together faster than the speed of sound. The resulting sonic boom (approximately 200 decibels) is released outward in a destructive energy sphere which strikes any matter with which it comes into contact with tremendous impact. The sonic boom also has a tendency to temporarily deafen and disorient anyone in the immediate area. Thunderclap's cowl is outfitted with protective silicone cups on the sides and an electronic device which muffles the noise of his sonic booms while amplifying quieter noises to higher decibel levels.

TIGRA

REAL NAME: Greer Grant Nelson
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: S.H.I.E.L.D. agent, police officer, licensed super hero; former private investigator, model, laboratory assistant
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (science/magic-based mutate)
PLACE OF BIRTH: Chicago, Illinois
BASE OF OPERATIONS: New York City, New York
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: N.Y.P.D.; formerly the Avengers, S.H.I.E.L.D.
EDUCATION: Bachelor of science degree; N.Y.P.D. Academy

HISTORY: Following the death of her police officer husband Bill, Greer Nelson became an assistant to her former instructor Dr. Joanne Tumulo, secretly a member of the Earth-dimension race of Cat People. When Tumulo developed a process to awaken a human's full physical and mental potential, Greer agreed to be a test subject and was mutated to the pinnacle of human achievement, gaining heightened strength, agility, intelligence, and data retention. As the Cat, she embarked on a short-lived super-hero career in Chicago. When she was wounded in a clash with Hydra agents, she was rejuvenated by a mystic ceremony performed by Tumulo and her fellow Cat People, bonding Greer with the spirit of their people's ancient protector, the Tigra. Now more powerful than ever before, Greer, as Tigra, pursued a dual career as private investigator and costumed adventurer, eventually joining the Avengers.

Recently, after learning the corrupt officers of the Brethren of the Blue Fist had been responsible for her husband's death, Tigra resumed human form and went undercover at the NYPD Academy, exposing the Brethren's criminal activities and graduating with honors as a police officer, enabling her to fight crime on multiple levels. Following the SHRA's passage, Tigra, despite her dubiousness regarding the outlaw status of Captain America and others, became an agent of S.H.I.E.L.D. to better participate in the ongoing Civil War that had fractured the nation's superhuman community. At the height of the war, Tigra pretended to defect to Captain America's Secret Avengers where she acted as our double-agent, feeding us intelligence on Captain America's plans to infiltrate Negative Zone Prison Alpha and release the incarcerated SHRA violators held there. Now that Captain America has surrendered and his resistance movement is crumbling, Tigra's next move, whether as an Avenger or an NYPD officer, remains to be seen. She is currently pursuing a romantic relationship with Yellowjacket (Henry Pym), who is serving as a director of the Fifty State Initiative Training Program at Camp Hammond in Stamford, Connecticut.

HEIGHT: 5'10" (5'8" as human)
WEIGHT: 180 lbs. (119 lbs. as human)
EYES: Green
HAIR: Orange (black as human)

POWER & ABILITIES: In her mutated cat form, Tigra possesses Class 10 strength, agility, and endurance; her fighting skills, already highly honed, are similarly enhanced. Her vision, hearing, and sense of smell are acutely heightened, granting her exceptional tracking ability. She also possesses excellent night vision.

PARAPHERNALIA: Tigra wears a mystic amulet used to revert to human form and back again.

TYPEFACE

REAL NAME: Gordon Thomas
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Vigilante (e.g. unlicensed super hero using excessive force); former terrorist organization soldier
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Superhuman Registration Act violator (exotic technology user); deceased
PLACE OF BIRTH: Northampton, Massachusetts
BASE OF OPERATIONS: New York City
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Anti-Registration Underground
EDUCATION: B.S. (University of Massachusetts)

HISTORY: After losing his job with Ace Signs, Gordon Thomas, a veteran soldier suffering from mental imbalance, embarked on city-wide vandalism as Typeface, rebelling against the "purveyors of poisonous rhetoric" he perceived as responsible for society's ills. His Times Square bombing spree was interrupted by Spider-Man, himself the victim of various weakening experiences, and although the irrational Typeface saw no crime in his activities, he rose to Spider-Man's challenge and left the weakened hero unconscious. During a later encounter with Spider-Man, himself pursued by a Spider-Hybrid created by extraterrestrials, Typeface helped the hero vanquish the creature. Following this encounter, Typeface, now affecting a bizarre speech pattern laced with rhymes and puns, became a vigilante. His activities drew the attention of the grammar-obsessed Spellcheck, who undermined Typeface's activities with insistence on proper syntax in action. Eventually Typeface regained a measure of sanity, at least to the extent he proved capable of conventional speech and interacting with others in a rational state.

When the Superhuman Registration Act passed, Typeface, although himself possessing neither superhuman powers nor a secret identity, recognized the act's potential for invasion of privacy and forced service, and he organized a resistance movement consisting of other heroes who sought to join Captain America's Secret Avengers. Within a few weeks his movement was over two dozen strong, its membership including Gladiatrix, Dahntu, Network, Qiblah, Solo, the Tosser, and several others. Although less powerful than most of his colleagues, Typeface became group spokesman in covert interviews with Sally Floyd, an investigative reporter for the Alternative newspaper. While some of his teammates advocated overt confrontation with pro-registration forces, Typeface advised an avoidance policy until they could join forces with Captain America's more powerful movement, but the question became moot when I led S.H.I.E.L.D. forces on an invasion on their hidden base. Although a few unregistered superhumans escaped, Typeface and most of his followers were captured and imprisoned in Negative Zone Prison Alpha. When the Secret Avengers liberated the prisoners, Typeface joined them in fighting our pro-Registration forces in Midtown Manhattan; he died in the final battle, reportedly crushed to death by Venom (Mac Gargan).

HEIGHT: 5'9"
WEIGHT: 160 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Brown

POWER & ABILITIES: Typeface was an exceptional hand-to-hand combatant with specialized military training in tactics, weapon use, and other disciplines.

PARAPHERNALIA: Typeface used such alphabet-themed weapons (apparently of his own design) as razor-sharp As and Os, gas-emitting board game tiles, and explosive "letter bombs."

U.S. AGENT

REAL NAME: John F. Walker
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to C.S.A. and S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Licensed super hero, U.S. government operative; former soldier
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (science-based mutate)
PLACE OF BIRTH: Custer's Grove, Georgia
BASE OF OPERATIONS: C.S.I.S. National Headquarters, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada; formerly the U.S.S. Infiltrator; C.S.A. Headquarters, Washington D.C.
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Omega Flight, C.S.A., S.H.I.E.L.D., Invaders, S.T.A.R.S.; formerly Avengers West Coast; former partner of the B.U.C.kies
EDUCATION: High school graduate

HISTORY: After receiving superhuman abilities from the Power Broker, John F. Walker used his newfound power to become a celebrity as the "Super-Patriot," paying his sidekicks to masquerade as villains that he would summarily defeat. This fame attracted the attention of the C.S.A., who chose Walker to serve as their replacement Captain America after Steve Rogers refused to take orders from them. But when his estranged former sidekicks revealed his secret identity to the public, Walker's parents were murdered by his enemies, the Watchdogs. Walker eventually returned the Captain America costume to Steve Rogers, and has since continued to serve the C.S.A. and their Superhuman Tactical Activities Response Squad (S.T.A.R.S.) as the U.S. Agent.

Immediately following enactment of the SHRA, U.S. Agent was instrumental in the apprehension of several super-villains. Bus on an ill-fated mission to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to capture the villainous Purple Man (Zebediah Killgrave), U.S. Agent succumbed to Purple Man's mind-control powers, allowing Killgrave to steal Agent's shield and throw him from a secret S.H.I.E.L.D. hovercraft to the ground several stories below. U.S. Agent survived the fall and eventually accepted his new mission to serve as the United States' liaison to Canada's new Omega Flight program. Although U.S. Agent was not enthusiastic about relocating to Canada, his decision to cooperate was prompted by his desire to exact revenge upon the Purple Man, who we also believe has fled to Canada.

HEIGHT: 6'4"
WEIGHT: 270 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Blond

POWER & ABILITIES: The Power Broker's physical augmentation treatments imbued U.S. Agent with superhuman Class 10 strength, durability, stamina, agility, endurance, and reflexes as well as enhanced speed. He is an exceptional hand-to-hand combatant intensively trained in unarmed combat as well as the use of his shield by the Taskmaster. He is also an adept gymnast and acrobat.

PARAPHERNALIA: U.S. Agent's costume is composed of synthetic stretch bulletproof fabric. He carries a nearly indestructible Vibranium shield approximately 2.5' in diameter and adorned with a picture of his deceased parents. U.S. Agent also wields an energy truncheon to increase his offensive capabilities.

VIENNA

REAL NAME: Unknown
DUAL IDENTITY: Secret
OCCUPATION: Freelancer; covert operative
CITIZENSHIP: Unknown
LEGAL STATUS: Exempt from the SHRA (non-powered human); criminal record in several countries
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unknown
BASE OF OPERATIONS: Worldwide
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Affiliated for brief periods with the C.I.A., MI6, K.G.B., the U.S. Treasury Department, and various other governmental and non-governmental institutions
EDUCATION: Unknown

HISTORY: The woman known only as Vienna ranks among the world's most proficient covert operatives. She is so good that S.H.I.E.L.D. isn't even sure of her real identity or origin. What we do know is that she has had a relatively long, illustrious career as a freelance international spy, and that her primary motivation is money (she has been known to switch allegiances mid-assignment when a better offer is made). Her work has brought her into conflict with Sir Denis Nayland Smith, Shang-Chi, Heroes for Hire, and the Daughters of the Dragon.

Shortly after enactment of the SHRA, the new, government-sanctioned Heroes for Hire bounty-hunting team founded by Misty Knight and Colleen Wing paid Vienna a large sum of money to help them lure several unregistered super-villains into a trap. Acting according to plan, Vienna used her underworld contacts to get in touch with the super-villains Bloodshed, Equinox, Ghost Maker, Goldbug, Grindhouse, Kogar, Shadow Slasher, and Shockwave, promising to provide them with passports and new identities in order to avoid the SHRA at her warehouse headquarters. But before the transactions were complete, Heroes for Hire burst on the scene, arresting all of the super-villains present under authority of the SHRA after a brief battle. With the super-villains safely delivered into the hands of the federal authorities, Vienna gladly accepted her cash reward.

HEIGHT: 5'7"
WEIGHT: 125 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Black

POWER & ABILITIES: Vienna is one of the world's most capable covert operatives, although her utility is marginalized by her devious and self-serving nature. Although loyal to no single nation or organization, she is a master of the deceptive arts of disguise, stealth, voice mimicry, fabrication, and impersonation. Her creativity, superb acting and improvisational skills, and power of persuasion render her well-equipped to deceive others and manipulate them into doing her bidding. Her methods usually consist of conning a victim into believing they are acting in their own best interests when, in reality, they are unwittingly performing the difficult legwork in one of Vienna's grandiose schemes. She has assumed various identities and aliases over the years while working undercover, and has posed as an airline attendant, a nun, and mob wife Angela Tortelli, among others. Vienna has a significant number of powerful contacts in both legitimate governmental institutions as well as the international criminal underworld. She is highly skilled in both armed and unarmed combat, particularly in the use of semi-automatic pistols and other small firearms.

WAR MACHINE

REAL NAME: James Rupert "Jim" Rhodes
DUAL IDENTITY: Known to U.S. government and S.H.I.E.L.D. authorities
OCCUPATION: Sentinel Squad Combat Instructor, licensed super hero; former pilot, soldier
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (exotic technology user)
PLACE OF BIRTH: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
BASE OF OPERATIONS: O*N*E Training Facility
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: O*N*E; formerly the Crew, Secret Defenders, Worldwatch, Force Works, West Coast Avengers, U.S. Marine Corps
EDUCATION: High school graduate, extensive U.S. Marines aviation engineering training

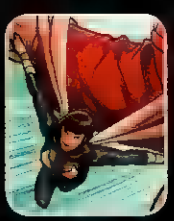
HISTORY: When I first met Jim Rhodes, he was one of the best pilots the U.S. Marines had to offer. I hired him as my personal pilot, and "Rhodey" quickly became one of my most trusted associates, eventually being promoted to Stark Industries' Chief Aviation Officer. When I was forced to give up operating as Iron Man during my bout with alcoholism, it was Rhodes who donned my armor to fill the void, although the armor's neural interface was specifically calibrated to my brain, causing Jim to become increasingly erratic during his tired tenure as Iron Man. Upon returning to the role of Iron Man, I bestowed a heavier-armed suit to Rhodes, who renamed himself "War Machine" and began a successful career as a solo super hero. Although he experienced a rough period where he was forced to declare bankruptcy, Rhodes has since been hired by the Office of National Security (O*N*E) at my request to serve as the Combat Instructor to the pilots who would be operating the Sentinel units I retrofitted into manned suits of armor, even though his intolerance for racism initially made him apprehensive of the O*N*E's treatment of mutants. The O*N*E agreed that his military service, piloting skills, and knowledge of cybernetics made him the perfect man for the job.

Although Rhodes was at first reluctant to work for the O*N*E, he liked the concept behind the Superhuman Registration Act because it applied equally to all superhumans and didn't single out mutants. Recently, when King T'Challa (the Black Panther) and Queen Ororo (Storm) of Wakanda came to Washington D.C. on a diplomatic visit, War Machine was deployed to the White House for crowd control. When a State Department official tried to force Storm to register, the royal couple stormed out of the White House, prompting a riot in which War Machine was injured by Black Panther's personal bodyguards, the Dora Milaje. Now that Captain America's resistance has been defeated, War Machine serves as the field commander for Fifty State Initiative Training Program at Camp Hammond, effectively serving as my eyes and ears on the ground.

HEIGHT: 6'1" (6'6" in armor)
WEIGHT: 210 lbs. (575 lbs. in armor)
EYES: Brown
HAIR: Brown (with grey streaks)

POWER & ABILITIES: War Machine possesses no inherent superhuman abilities. He is a highly skilled pilot and very knowledgeable in the fields of robotics and cybernetics.

PARAPHERNALIA: The current version of War Machine's armor is derived from Sentinel technology with minor modifications by Stark International. It is composed of flexible, micro-chain mail armor and equipped with a blaster array (electron beam gun, plasma gun & laser cannon) as well as a traditional repulsor ray (particle beam) in each hand. The armor amplifies the wearer's strength to superhuman Class 90.



WASP

REAL NAME: Janet Van Dyne (formerly Pym)
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Licensed super hero, fashion designer, screenwriter, president of Van Dyne Design Studio/Van Dyne Industries, board member of Neville Industries, independently wealthy socialite; former debutante
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (science-based mutate)
PLACE OF BIRTH: Cresskill, New Jersey
BASE OF OPERATIONS: SoHo, Manhattan, New York City, New York; Cresskill, New Jersey
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Avengers, S.H.I.E.L.D.; formerly Lady Liberators
EDUCATION: Unknown

HISTORY: The daughter of renowned scientist Dr. Vernon Van Dyne, Janet Van Dyne was introduced to biochemist Dr. Henry Pym when her father sought his assistance in a project to detect extraterrestrial life using gamma radiation. After teaming-up with Pym (as Ant-Man) to investigate her father's murder, Janet agreed to become Ant-Man's partner and undergo a procedure in which Pym transplanted wasp cells into her temples and shoulder blades. Trained in the use of size-altering Pym Particles, Janet became the Wasp and, with Ant-Man, joined me in founding the original Avengers. Hank and Janet were eventually married, although Janet eventually divorced him when their relationship became abusive following Hank's nervous breakdown (although they still remain close friends, and have even renewed their romance from time to time). Wasp went on to become a distinguished member of the Avengers, even serving as the team's chairwoman for a period.

After enactment of the SHRA, Janet willingly registered (perhaps a decision made easier by the fact that her dual identity as the Wasp was already publicly known). She became instrumental in our efforts to capture superhumans who refused to register and fought valiantly at the decisive battle at Gethen Meyers Chemicals; although, like Hank, she was very upset by the death of their longtime friend Goliath (William Foster), who was killed by our cybernetic Thor clone during the battle, and apprehensive about our use of mutite-controlled villains in the reformed Thunderbolts. Nonetheless, Wasp remained very loyal to the cause throughout the conflict. When forming our new government-sponsored Avengers team, Wasp was one of our first choices for membership.

HEIGHT: 5'4" (variable)
WEIGHT: 110 lbs. (variable)
EYES: Brown
HAIR: Auburn

POWER & ABILITIES: Due cellular implantation, biochemical augmentation, and cellular mutation caused by years of exposure to Pym Particles, the Wasp has the ability to shrink in size up to 1/2" in height and project bio-electric force bolts from her hands when at this size. She also has the ability to increase in size up to 50 feet in height, receiving superhuman strength and durability in proportion to her size. The Wasp has also demonstrated the ability to cause two antennae to protrude from her temples, giving her the ability to communicate telepathically with insects, although it is unknown if she still possesses this rarely-used ability. Her wings enable her to fly when in her shrunken state.

X-FACTOR INVESTIGATIONS

MEMBERSHIP: Multiple Man (Jamie Madrox), Layla Miller, Rictor (Julio Esteban Richter), Siryn (Theresa Rourke Cassidy), Strong Guy (Guido Carosella), Wolfsbane (Rahne Sinclair)
HEADQUARTERS: District X, New York City, New York
MAJOR FUNDING: Multiple Man / private clientele

HISTORY: Although the original X-Factor was a "mutant hunting" organization used as a cover by the original X-Men, X.F.I. owes more to the second government-sponsored incarnation. Multiple Man, formerly a mainstay of the latter group, opened XXX Investigations, using his duplicating ability to send versions of himself wherever necessary for a case, but when his former teammates Strong Guy and Wolfsbane joined his efforts, they persuaded him to change the firm's name in honor of their shared history. After winning millions on a game show, Multiple Man expanded the operation, hiring sonic-powered X-Force veteran Siryn and super-strong M, late of Generation X. Another X-Force member, Rictor, joined despite the loss of his vibratory powers during M-Day, and the omniscient and irksome Layla Miller took it upon herself to complete the roster.

In response to innumerable requests, X.F.I. investigated the circumstances surrounding the power loss suffered by over 90% of Earth's mutants. Initially suspecting the mysterious Singularity Investigations and its CEO Damon Tryp, Sr., they were shocked to learn their former teammate Quicksilver was to blame and, with moods already on edge thanks to the SHRA, appalled that their allies in the X-Men had kept this information secret from them. In a formal break with the X-Men, Multiple Man and his associates, all registered themselves, announced their open opposition to the SHRA, and they are prepared to help any fugitives to the best of their formidable abilities. However, after learning of Singularity's mission to prevent an apocalyptic future by forestalling their efforts to reverse M-Day's effects, the team has been tied to the act of terrorism that destroyed Singularity's headquarters. It remains to be seen how much effort and resources they can spare on the aftereffects of the SHRA.

X-MEN

SIGNIFICANT MEMBERS: Cyclops (Scott Summers, Headmaster), Emma Frost (Headmistress), Professor X (Charles Xavier, founder/team leader), Rogue (Anna Marie, team leader), Angel, Beast, Iceman (founding members), other members on a rotating basis
HEADQUARTERS: Charles Xavier Institute for Higher Learning, Salem Center, Westchester County, New York
MAJOR FUNDING: Charles Xavier's personal fortune, private donations

HISTORY: Just over 12 years ago, amid increasing anti-mutant sentiment across America, mutant telepath Professor X (Charles Xavier) recruited several young mutants into his Institute for Higher Learning, which he created as a safe haven for those born with the potential for superhuman powers in their genes. These young mutants, who came to be known as the X-Men, were trained to use their powers to improve human-mutant relations. Although initially hailed as heroes, the public's adoration eventually gave way to their mistrust and hatred of mutants. But the X-Men continued to protect those who hated and feared them as their roster expanded over the years, even founding a global mutant search-and-rescue operation known as the X-Corporation as well as government-approved international mutant peacekeeping force known as the X-Treme Sanctions Executive (X.S.E.).

The lives of all mutants were altered forever on M-Day, when over 99% of the world's mutant population lost their powers, including Professor X. This prompted the Office of National Emergency (O*N*E) to create the manned Sentinel Squad program to ensure the safety of the nation's remaining mutants (known as "the 198"), who were now subject to even more persecution and violence. Laws and regulations were passed that confined the remaining mutants to the grounds of the Xavier Institute, where many had already sought refuge from the hostile outside world. However, certain activists began to protest the confinement of the 198, claiming that it was a violation of their constitutional rights. After enactment of the SHRA, I visited the Xavier Institute in an effort to convince the X-Men to join our efforts to register America's superhumans, but Headmistress Emma Frost was not interested, although she assured me that the X-Men would remain neutral in the conflict. However, when the group known as X-Force infiltrated the Xavier Institute and escaped with nearly half of the 198, Headmaster Scott Summers (Cyclops) led a team of X-Men to make sure that the O*N*E coalition assigned to locate the 198 escapees (led by fellow X-Man Bishop) were not successful. The cross-country chase ended in the Nevada desert, where X-Force and the 198 had found refuge in an abandoned S.H.I.E.L.D. bunker. After a brief battle between Cyclops' X-Men and the O*N*E, the two sides joined forces to rescue the 198 when the bunker's nuclear autodestruct sequence was activated. Ms. Marvel and I eventually arrived on scene to coordinate the rescue effort, and we successfully saved all who were trapped.

At the suggestion of Congress and your advisory committee, the laws and regulations regarding the O*N*E's treatment of mutants have now been amended to address civil rights issues. While the Xavier Institute is still offered as a sanctuary to the world's remaining mutant population, they will no longer be forced to remain there against their will.

YELLOWJACKET

REAL NAME: Henry J. "Hank" Pym
DUAL IDENTITY: Publicly known
OCCUPATION: Biochemist, researcher, licensed super hero; former companies manager, roboticist
CITIZENSHIP: United States
LEGAL STATUS: Registered superhuman (science-based mutate)
PLACE OF BIRTH: Elmsford, New York
BASE OF OPERATIONS: New York City
GROUP MEMBERSHIP: Formerly Avengers, Defenders
EDUCATION: Ph.D. in biochemistry

HISTORY: Following the apparent death of his wife Maria, Henry Pym threw himself into scientific research and dedication to justice, becoming Ant-Man, one of the first super heroes of the most recent wave. Partnered with the Wasp, he became a founding member of the Avengers, frequently altering his powers and costumed identity as Giant-Man, Goliath, and Yellowjacket. After a number of mental breakdowns, he retired from super-hero activity, but soon returned as the size-altering Doctor Pym, subsequently working his way back through his list of aliases and modi operandi.

When the SHRA was introduced, Pym, again Yellowjacket, his own identity long since public, felt little concern for any perceived violations of superhuman privacy rights. He actively participated in the brainstorming sessions held by Mr. Fantastic and myself where we devised ideas for making the world a safer place for both humans and superhumans. Yellowjacket eagerly faced the challenge of reorganizing the nation's superhuman community, and immediately alerted me when Captain America and the Falcon arrived at his lab in an attempt to recruit him into their Secret Avengers resistance movement. Nevertheless, despite his longtime friend Goliath's death at the hands of our cybernetic clone of Thor, Yellowjacket remains dedicated to the SHRA's overall goals and continues working with Mister Fantastic to, in one way or another, create the next generation of super heroes to protect and serve the our nation. Yellowjacket's confidence and sense of self-worth have fully been bolstered in the wake of the Civil War. Not only has he been voted "Man of the Year" for his work in creating a new generation of federally-sanctioned superhumans, but he is also dating fellow licensed super hero Tigra (Greer Nelson). He currently serves as a director of the Fifty State Initiative Training Program, as he sees the program as a logical extension of the original Avengers Charter and as the next step in superhumans bringing peace and freedom to the world.

HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 185 lbs.
EYES: Blue
HAIR: Blond

POWER & ABILITIES: Yellowjacket can alter his size to either shrink or grow, ranging from a half-inch to dozens of feet in height; he retains full human strength while small and gains proportionately enhanced strength as a giant. He can also change the size of any object by touch. He is a genius in multiple scientific fields.

PARAPHERNALIA: Yellowjacket's helmet enables him to communicate with insects, his gloves are equipped with energy stingers, and his costume's epaulets function as wings to allow him to fly. He carries a wide array of shrunken equipment, chosen per anticipated need, which he can expand to full-size.

YOUNG AVENGERS

MEMBERS: Hawkeye (Katherine "Kate" Bishop), Hulkling (Dorrek VIII/Teddy Altman), Patriot (Elijah "Eli" Bradley), Speed (Thomas Shepard), Stature (Cassandra "Cassie" Lang), Wiccan (William "Billy" Kaplan), Vision
HEADQUARTERS: Camp Hammond, Stamford, Connecticut
MAJOR FUNDING: U.S. government; formerly Derek Bishop

HISTORY: The Young Avengers were originally founded by Iron Lad (Nathaniel Richards, a time-displaced, younger version of my time-traveling enemy Kang the Conqueror) who gathered the team together using the Vision's Failsafe Program, which was designed in case anything ever happened to the original Avengers. Even after Iron Lad returned to his native Other-Earth, the inexperienced teens remained together as a team despite the efforts of Captain America and myself to convince them to disband. Hawkeye, the daughter of a wealthy N.Y. publishing magnate, is a non-powered human skilled in weapons use and hand-to-hand combat. Hulkling is the shape-shifting son of the Kree Captain Mar-Vell and the Skrull princess Anelle. Patriot obtained the powers of a super-soldier after he was given a blood transfusion from his grandfather Isaiah Bradley, an African-American WWII veteran who was administered an experimental version of the Super-Soldier Serum early in the war. Speed and Wiccan are suspected to be the long-lost children of the Scarlet Witch (Wanda Maximoff); the former possesses superhuman speed while the latter is a spell caster. Stature, who I've known since she was a small child, obtained size-altering powers as a result of exposure to the Pym Particles used by her late father, Ant-Man (Scott Lang). Vision is an amalgamation of the original synthezoid's programming and the trans-temporal armor left behind by Iron Lad.

After the passage of the SHRA, the Young Avengers refused to register and were quickly captured by a S.H.I.E.L.D. Superhuman Restraint Unit, only to be freed by Captain America and the Falcon. Joining Cap's Secret Avengers, the group purportedly traveled to Los Angeles where they joined the Runaways in an assault on the superhuman prison facility known as the Cube. After their return to New York, they were present during the battle at Gaffen-Meyer Chemicals, where Wiccan was apprehended. Shortly after, Stature defected to our side, where she remained until the final battle against Cap's forces in the Negative Zone. The remaining Young Avengers attempted to take down a secret Hydra hideout in Manhattan's Meat Packing District, and were assisted in this effort by the Winter Soldier (James Barnes), who we believe was working with Nick Fury. Hulkling briefly infiltrated our forces using his powers to mimic the appearance of Yellowjacket (Henry Pym), which briefly gave Captain America's resistance the upper hand.

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"This is not the End. It is not even the Beginning of the End. But it is, perhaps, the End of the Beginning."

--Sir Winston Churchill

As the mammoth task of implementing the Fifty State Initiative is brought underway, it is imperative to continue bringing in fresh blood to release our overtaxed heroes from some small part of their burdens. While many conscientious heroes have already stepped forward to meet the challenges of the future, there are many who have yet to make themselves known. Further still, there are potential troublemakers who have the ability to impede our progress.

The following pages provide brief details on loose ends that are of interest. They are flagged as: Initiative recruits, those who have complied with registration and are participating in the Fifty State Initiative; Potential recruits, those who have yet to step forward and may require persuasion; Foreigners who do not normally reside in the USA, but have made their presence known here and will require further monitoring; Enemy combatants who have opposed registration, and if are not already incarcerated must have their files forwarded to Operation: Justice Like Lightning; Sympathizers who may not fall under the current version of the SHRA but have moved in circles of influence within the superhuman community and could be either friend or foe; and finally the unhelpfully named Status undetermined, those enigmas whom we cannot be certain are dead or alive, or those whose magical powers are nigh-impossible to quantify. Have I mentioned lately that I hate magic?

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BROTHER NATURE
MARK DIERING
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

CADAVER
CODY FLEISCHER
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

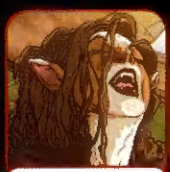
CAIN
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

CANASTA
HENRY CAVANAUGH
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

CAPTAIN ULTRA
GRIFFIN GOGOL
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

CAPTAIN ZERO
DAVID STACK
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

CARDIAC
ELIAS WIRTHAM
POTENTIAL RECRUIT



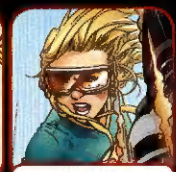
CATIANA
TATIANA CABAN
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

RUFUS "SUPER MIDNIGHT" CARTER
SYMPATHIZER

CHALLENGER
WILLIAM "BILL" WARING
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

CHI DEMON
SUYIN KING
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

CLEARCUT
(IDENTITY UNKNOWN)
POTENTIAL RECRUIT



CLOUD 9
(IDENTITY TEMPORARILY CLASSIFIED)
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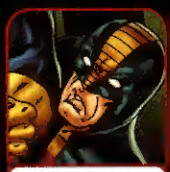
COMET MAN
STEPHEN BECKLEY
POTENTIAL RECRUIT



CONSTRICTOR
FRANK PAYNE
INITIATIVE RECRUIT

CRIME-BUSTER
EUGENE MASON
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

CRIMSON DAFFODIL
VERNON FRENCH
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

CRIPPLER
CARL STRIKLAN
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

CRUSADER
AUBREY THOMPSON
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

JAINE CUTTER
STATUS UNDETERMINED

DEADHEAD
(IDENTITY UNKNOWN)
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

DEATHLOK
LARRY YOUNG
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

DEMENTIA
(IDENTITY UNKNOWN)
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

DERWYDDON
STATUS UNDETERMINED

DESTROYER OF DEMONS
JOSHUA GRIMLY
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

DEVIL-SLAYER
ERIC PAYNE
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

D-MAN
DENNIS DUNPHY
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

DOMINIC FORTUNE
DUVID JEROME T. FORTUNOV
SYMPATHIZER

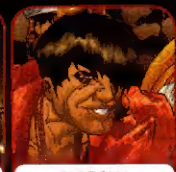
DOMINIC FORTUNE
(IDENTITY UNKNOWN)
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

DRAGON LORD
TAKO SHAMARA
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

DRAGONFLY
MEIKO YIN
FOREIGN NATIONAL

ECHO
MAYA LOPEZ
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

ELECTRO
MAXWELL DILLON
ENEMY COMBATANT, INCARCERATED



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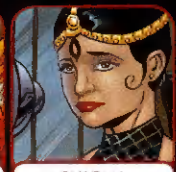
NESTOR RODRIGUEZ
POTENTIAL RECRUIT



ENIGMA
TARA VIRANGO
FOREIGN NATIONAL

EXTERMINATRIX
OUBLIETTE MIDAS
ENEMY COMBATANT, INCARCERATED

FATEBALL
LAURA BROADBAHR
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

FIREBOLT
ANTHONY "TONY" SLOAN
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

THE FIXER
PAUL NORBERT EBERSOL
INITIATIVE RECRUIT (C.S.A. TECH STAFF)

FRANKIE AND VICTORIA
(IDENTITIES UNKNOWN)
POTENTIAL RECRUITS

FREAK OF SCIENCE
RICO GAWREN
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

FREE SPIRIT
CATHY WEBSTER
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

FROG-MAN
EUGENE PATILIO
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

GARGOYLE
ISAAC CHRISTIANS
INITIATIVE RECRUIT

JONATHAN "JOHN" GARRETT
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

GAUNTLET
(IDENTITY TEMPORARILY CLASSIFIED)
INITIATIVE RECRUIT (DRILL SERGEANT)

GEIGER
DELILAH DEERBORN
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

G-FORCE
DANIEL JONES
FOREIGN NATIONAL

GHOST DANCER
JAMES OWL
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

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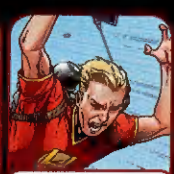
GIBBON
MARTIN "MARTY" BLANK
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

GLITCH
CHARLES "CHAZZ" J. AMUNDSON
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

GOM! & BILL THE LOBSTER
ALPHONSUS LEFSZYCIC
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

GOOGAM
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

GORILLA GIRL
FAHNBULLAH EDDY
POTENTIAL RECRUIT



HARDBALL
(IDENTITY TEMPORARILY CLASSIFIED)
INITIATIVE RECRUIT

HARDNOSE
ALEXANDER PATEL
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

HEART ATTACK
TYLER MEAGHER
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

HELLCAT
PATSY WALKER
INITIATIVE RECRUIT

HIGH-TECH
CURTIS CARR
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

HIT-MAKER
ORLANDO SINCLAIR
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

HOPE & CHI-CHEE
ESPERANZA LING
FOREIGN NATIONAL

HUNTARA
TARA RICHARDS
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

HURRICANE
ALBERT POTTER
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

HYBRID
SCOTT WASHINGTON
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

INFAMNIA
GINA MORRIS
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

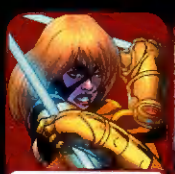
IT THE LIVING COLOSSUS
ROBERT O'BRYAN
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

JACK FLAG
JACK HARRISON
ENEMY COMBATANT, INCARCERATED

JACK O'LANTERN
STEVEN MARK "STEVE" LEVINS
INITIATIVE RECRUIT (THUNDERBOLTS, DECEASED)

THE JESTER
JODY PUTT
INITIATIVE RECRUIT (THUNDERBOLTS, DECEASED)

JINX
WILLIAM HASTINGS
STATUS UNDETERMINED



JOYSTICK
JANICE OLIVIA YANIZESKI
INITIATIVE RECRUIT (INCARCERATED)

JUDGE
MICHAEL HART
STATUS UNDETERMINED

JUNTA
DANNY VINCENTE (SUSPECTED ALIAS)
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

JUSTICE
VANCE ASTROVIK
INITIATIVE RECRUIT (STAFF COUNSELOR)

KAINE
ENEMY COMBATANT

JENNIFER KALE
STATUS UNDETERMINED

HANNIBAL KING
STATUS UNDETERMINED

KOMODO
(IDENTITY TEMPORARILY CLASSIFIED)
INITIATIVE RECRUIT

LAZARUS
TODD HUNTER
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

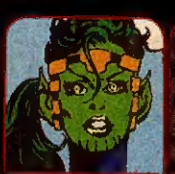
LINK & POLTERGEIST
LORNE LINCOLN & MICKEY SILK
POTENTIAL RECRUITS

LIVING LIGHTNING
MIGUEL SANTOS
INITIATIVE RECRUIT

LIVING PHARAOH
AKASHA MARTINEZ
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

LIVING TOTEM
WHISTLE PIG
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

LORD DELPHIS
FOREIGN NATIONAL



LYJA THE LASERFIST
FOREIGN NATIONAL

MACE
SHIGERU EZAKI (CLONE)
FOREIGN NATIONAL

MACH-IV
ABNER RONALD "ABE" JENKINS
INITIATIVE RECRUIT (C.S.A. TECH STAFF)

MACHINE TEEN
ADAM AARONSON
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

MAGDELENA
MAGDA SINCLAIR
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

MAN-EATER
GREG MURPHY
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

MAN-ELEPHANT
MANFRED HALLER
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

MARVEL BOY
DAVID "DAVE" BANK
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

MASKED MARVEL
ADAM AUSTIN
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

MASKED ROSE
JOSEPHINE "JO" TYLER
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

MASTERMIND EXCELLO
AMADEUS CHO
ENEMY COMBATANT

MAYHEM
BRIGID O'REILLY
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

IAN MCNEE
STATUS UNDETERMINED

MECHAMAGE
(IDENTITY UNKNOWN)
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

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LYNN MICHAELS
SYMPATHIZER

MIKADO & MOSHA
(IDENTITIES UNKNOWN)
POTENTIAL RECRUITS

MONSTRO THE MIGHTY
FRANK JOHNSON
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

MOP MAN
JOSEPH "JOE" TRINITY
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

MICHAEL MORBIUS
INITIATIVE RECRUIT

EL MUERTO
JUAN-CARLOS ESTRADA SANCHEZ
FOREIGN NATIONAL

"MUTANT SHAMAN"
MICHAEL DORIE
STATUS UNDETERMINED

MVP
(IDENTITY TEMPORARILY CLASSIFIED)
INITIATIVE RECRUIT

NAMORA
AQUARIA AQUATICA NEPTUNIA
STATUS UNDETERMINED, REPORTEDLY DECEASED

NEUROTAP
MICHELLE BALTERS
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

NIGHT NURSE
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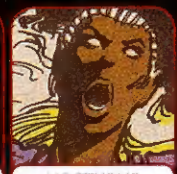
SYMPATHIZER, ANTI-SHRA



NOCTURNE
ANGELA CAIRN
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

NOSFERATA
PURPLE HAYES
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

OBITUARY
MILTON PETERSEN
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

OMEN
CHARLES BLACKWATER
STATUS UNDETERMINED

PAO FU
LIAN GOH
STATUS UNDETERMINED

PAYBACK
EDWARD "EDDIE" DYSON
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

PHANTOM BLONDE
WANDA MASON
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

PHANTOM RIDER
HAMILTON SLADE
INITIATIVE RECRUIT
(TEXAS, RANGERS)

PIXIE
(IDENTITY UNKNOWN)
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

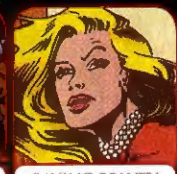
PORTAL
CHARLES LITTLE SKY
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

PROTOCIDE
CLINTON MCINTYRE
STATUS UNDETERMINED, REPORTEDLY DECEASED

PUMA
THOMAS "TOM" FIREHEART
INITIATIVE RECRUIT

PYRE
GRAY RUSSELL
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

RAGE
ELVIN HALIDAY
INITIATIVE RECRUIT



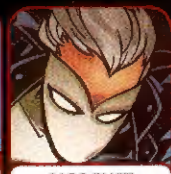
RAVING BEAUTY
CHERYL GATES
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

REAPER
LOUIS DAWSON
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

RED NINE
WALLACE JACKSON
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

RED RAVEN
DANIA (SURNAME UNKNOWN)
FOREIGN NATIONAL

RED WOLF
WILLIAM TALLTREES
INITIATIVE RECRUIT
(TEXAS, RANGERS)



RICOCHET
JONATHON "JOHNNY" GALLO
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

RIOT GRRL
ERIKA GRAHAM
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

ROCKET RACER
ROBERT "ROB" FARRELL
INITIATIVE RECRUIT

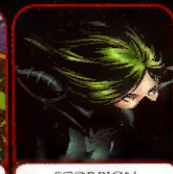
RUBY THURSDAY
THURSDAY RUBINSTEIN
ENEMY COMBATANT, INCARCERATED

RYDER
(FULL NAME CLASSIFIED)
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

RY'LOR
FOREIGN NATIONAL

SANGRE
JULIA CONCEPCION
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

SAVAGE STEEL
JAMES "JIMMY" ZAFAR
POTENTIAL RECRUIT



SCORPION
CAMILLA BLACK
INITIATIVE RECRUIT

SCREAM
DONNA DIEGO
ENEMY COMBATANT

SHADOW-HUNTER
NIKI JAKOSAN
POTENTIAL RECRUIT

SHADOWOMAN
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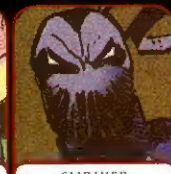
ENEMY COMBATANT

SHOOTING STAR
VICTORIA STAR
INITIATIVE RECRUIT
(TEXAS, RANGERS)



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